



October 13, 2021  
SAB Board Meeting

Members: Ashley Carlisle, Fr. Tom Fangman, Matt Graves (not in attendance), Abbi Gowen, Kami Landenberger, Tawnya Mann, Brad Peal, Ryan McWilliams, Jim Ridder, Meg Schwartz, Candace Thompson, Vicki Payton (Finance Insight)

7:00pm meeting called to order and began with prayer and pledge of allegiance

Minutes from September 8, 2021 were approved

Meg proposed special intentions for Fr. Tom's father who is hospitalized for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time with COVID.

Approximately 10-15 parents attended the meeting. Some in favor of the mask mandate and a majority of parents against the mask mandate.

Parent speakers were limited to 5 minutes and SAB did not respond to any direct questions or concerns. Speakers included:

Tami Sova- Pharmacist who is passionate about removing the mask mandate. She gave some COVID statistics from other schools and districts. "How do we address wearing masks in school but nowhere else?" She feels masks are negatively impacting learning ability.

Jayne Balch- Against masks and wanted to know what experts Administration are consulting.

Amy Cook- Does not think the mask mandate makes sense. "Where are we going with all of this?" Noted that many of her close friends have left St. Pats.

Courtney Eden- Neutral on masks. Noted that Administration has good intentions and supports their decisions, regardless.

Sarah McIntyre – "This tearing apart our community." St. Patrick's job is to educate her kids not want medical intervention. She has a pediatrician for medical advice. Sarah also sent a few emails over the past 30 days. "How much is it worth it to you?"

Ty Christensen- Spoke directly to Fr. Tom. "How many families have left?" Noted he ran for SAB and was not elected. If he is elected in the future, his goal will be to remove the Advisory piece of School Board. He mentioned the SAB member have a "fluffy title". "Stop the nonsense?"

Melissa Cupich- Expressed gratitude to administration as it relates to the stress and time they have endured over the past 2 years.

Brian Krejci- Told Father to take the pressure off of himself. Stay positive. We are blessed to have Father at St. Patrick's

#### **Reports:**

President's Report: [Meg Schwartz]

A new group of parents representing St. Pat's families met Administration regarding the end of the mask mandate. The group shared their data and concerns about the mask mandate.

Promotion of St. Pat's value proposition. In looking back on the strategic plan and the current school status, it would be the perfect time to approach parents about 'why their kids are at St. Pat's'. Ashley, Abbi, Ryan, Jim, and Meg all gave reasons for sending their kids to St. Patrick's.



Carryover from last meeting: Candace Thompson to lead a committee in creating a video with this message and have it ready before Christmas time to send to families and put on the website as a recruitment tool especially as we move into registration season in January.

Home & School: [Kami Landenberger]

Meets Monday night, there is a discussion of moving back to in-person meetings versus Zoom and starting at 8pm versus 7pm.

Nov 12-14- Winter Fest

- Nov 12- After School
- Nov 13- Morning
- Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Morning

Vendors include- Spirit Wear; Wreath Sales; Amy's Cookies; Tumblers; Pipsqueak Boutique; DIY crafts  
Still looking for more vendors or parish groups to sell/promote their groups.

Mentioned the possibility of a nature playground on the west side of the building.

Finance Committee: [Brad Peal]

Brad attended the Parish & School Finance Board meeting on Tuesday, October 14th. The school defect is approximately \$198K, vs budget. The focus is on the long-term plan for School as PPP funds are more than adequate to cover the current year shortfall. Kami mentioned approximately 23 families with approximately 57 students who have left the school. Brad stated he would share additional information once we entered into Executive Session.

School Operations: [Jim Ridder]

Nothing to report-No meeting

Parish Pastoral Council: [Meg Schwartz]

Nothing to report-No meeting

Website/Marketing Research:

Our website is a "bare bones" platform. The best school website use their home page as the central hub, not as a dumping ground for everything considered important or noteworthy. The home page sets the tone for the entire site and serves as the online face of the school.

An email with links to example website and potential marketing partners will be sent to the group.

Clearly communicate the cost to educate. Offer a gap option on the tuition form? Donate to help another student?

Why we send our kid's to a catholic school promotional video

STARS Assessment:

Reading: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade scores for reading level shows a drop in grading. Assumptions were made that it relates more middle school kids picking up devices instead of books.



Math: St Patrick's scores are above the Archdioceses of Omaha in all grade levels. 8<sup>th</sup> grade has seen solid improvement, year of year. This is largely credited to Mrs. Hoiem.

Pastor's Remarks:

Fr. Tom addressed the school SAB and parents in attendance. Some of his comments were:

- 90% of priests prefer not to go to a parish without a school due to additional work. Fr. Tom embraces it.
- Embraces the parish community and wants us to come back together as a family
- Sees the Holy Spirit at work everyday
- All his decisions are rooted in love and he cannot please everyone on the mask policy
- Not one doctor has told him the mask mandate is wrong
- Things have gotten out of hand
- Pet Rock offered to play a fundraiser. Brad to check on availability of extra liquor license.



Old Business:

Pastor's Prayer:

Fr. Tom said the closing prayer.

Meeting ended at 9:10pm