



School Advisory Board

Minutes: Taken by Ashley Carlisle, Submitted by Melanie Hoffmann

Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 13th, 2023

Present at Meeting: Brad Peal, Ty Christensen, Tawnya Mann, Candace Thompson, Kami Landenberger, Abbi Gowen, Ryan McWilliams, Ashley Carlisle, Jim Ridder, Fr. Tom, and Brian Krejci

Call to Order at 7:30pm

Minutes from February Meeting: Approved by Ryan, Ashley 2nd

President's Report:

SAB Election Update:

- Bio and pictures have to be in by April 1st and 2nd. Elections are April 15th and 16th. Winners will be announced April 23rd.
- Abbi spoke to 3 parents and asked them to submit bios to run

Coffee and Conversation:

- Nine parents in attendance
- Discussed Catholic Schools Week, new calendar, communication, and conference format.
- Suggestions were brought up on how to help large families, parents want PreS-2nd grades to be allowed to wear leggings on dress down days as well as elementary boys to be allowed to wear shorts year round. It was suggested that the school library be open for certain hours over the summer. It was also suggested that the school publish a school year end newsletter sharing all of the accomplishments throughout the year.

Committee Reports:

- I) **Home & School:** (Kami) Meets Monday, March 20th
- II) **Finance Committee:** (Fr. Tom) Committee still trying to get the budget together. Teacher salaries and contracts are out. There is still no decision on tuition increase for the upcoming school year, 2023-24.
- III) **School Operations Committee:** (Jim) Nothing new to share
- IV) **School Improvement Team:** (Abbi, Ashley, and Melanie) Meet in April
- V) **Wellness Committee:** (Ryan) Quick meeting 2 weeks ago. Committee talked to a company about getting new trash cans. Student Council is

working on an assembly to educate the student body on the new recycling program. Students are making recycling containers in art class. Jim brought up giving the students a snack break in the mornings to allow them a chance to eat something.

- VI) **Parish Pastoral Council:** (Brian K.) Council has not met since October, but was meeting Thursday, March 16th. Voting will be the same this year, but hoping to get it changed for next year.

Unfinished Business:

West Campus New Playground Update:

- McGill Landscaping did the ground work. Now waiting on the playground equipment company to place and build the set. Hoping to get it done as soon as possible. We may not get the natural play pieces like we originally hoped for.

New Business:

- Ashley has been asked by parents why students are sent to confession when they have done something wrong, because the parents do not want their kids to see confession as a consequence. Administration said they are using it as a way to tie things back to faith and presenting sins to God.

Principal's Remarks:

- I. **Enrollment Update:** 738 students enrolled as of meeting. Kindergarten numbers are still low.
- II. **Teacher Openings for 2023-24:** Unexpected, Laura Holmberg (5th and 6th grade Social Studies) resigned.
- III. **State of the School Plan:** State of the School will now be online only and not an in person event. School will mail post cards to school families with facts and website for information. Website will include all of the information that is usually covered at the live event. Instead of pushing the GAP Fund, it will be called IMPACT Fund to promote how parents can make an impact in our school. Still under consideration is adding some of the school pieces into the State of the Parish that will continue to be an in person event.
- IV. **Library Design Update: (Candace)** Renovation will include a technology room, a TEAMS room, STEM area for 5th-8th grades with desks and chairs and a floor zone/green screen/STEM for K-4th grades area. There will be moving walls and doors to expand the space. TEAMS room will also provide a safe space if needed.
- V. **Krista Bennett: Staff Member:** Krista was recently diagnosed with lung cancer. She will begin chemo treatment tomorrow (3/16) so will not be returning. The staff is providing a basket to gift her and help out during this time. Please keep her in your prayers.

Pastor's Remarks: (Fr. Tom): Parish partnership with St. John's in Valley, a group from their parish and our parish have been meeting over the past year and are talking about offering their parishioners our tuition rate to encourage more students from

their parish to come to our school. The groups had to submit a report to go over what they think they can do best together and he does not think we will see very many changes. Fr. Tom also talked about the relationship between Faith Formation and our school being wonderful as well as being recognized by the diocese.

Executive Session

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 12th.

SAB Gathering with spouses at Fr. Tom's house May 16th.