

September 20, 2023 School Advisory Board

**Present at Meeting:** Ashley Carlisle, Kami Landenberger, Melanie Hoffman, Ty Christensen, Tawnya Mann, Candace Thompson, Brad Peal, Brian Krejci, Abbi Gowen, Fr.Tom Fangman, and Kathleen Turner.

6:37 pm meeting called to order and began with prayer and pledge of allegiance

Call to order

August minutes were approved

### **President's Report**

- -- Coffee and Conversation, reminder is on Halo and facebook. We will discuss survey results, STARS, and spelling.
  - -- May 8th: Ashley is going to email Kathy to confirm that Fr Tom can make it.

### **Committee Reports:**

- -- Home and School:
  - -Around 10 people were at meeting, wished for better attendance
  - -Fall Fest was a great success
  - -We touched upon the free money programs we've been using. TAGG, Box tops, Casey's, and Bakers.
  - -Showed updated financials.
  - -School supply kits are contracted again for next year.
  - -Yearbook, upload your photos throughout the year for the yearbook committee.

#### **Finance**

Brad Peal has been working to cleanup/audit books, diversify business with banks.

- -Meeting with Pinnacle, Core, Arbor.
- -Club accounts-- how do we consolidate those?
- -Corey Watton and Justin Vossen will meet next month.

### **School Operations Committee**

School handbook to be updated, school/parish/archdiocese reserves the right to change them at anytime. We discussed leggings until 2nd grade and no biker shorts. The dress code has been followed much better.

# **School Improvement Team**

-They will meet in October.

### **Wellness Committee**

Seek Brenda Waters for wellness input.

#### **New Business**

Lunch program has been brought up as a concern, there were comments on social media. Kami asked us as parents what improvements we would like to see. St Wenceslaus moved to Westside and their lunches are cheaper than ours. A lunch survey will be created and sent out to get input form parents and students.

### **Principal's Remarks**

Powerpoint on enrollment, we have lost 2 students since August. Rob Cupich is tracking enrollment.

## **Spelling vs Word study**

Improved language skills, critical thinking, and lifelong learning. The kids test on Fridays and typically forget the next week because they are memorizing the words. Vocab is a huge section in STARS. We look at applying patterns and language skills. Word list assessments for 4th grade, 10-12 words introduction. Check for understanding.

### **Fall STAR Assessment**

- -Target Reading
- -Showed internal scores and growth with the percentile ranks and scaled scores
- -15-20 min of reading everyday for middle school.
- -Talked of a summer reading program, trying a program of our own through our library.

### **Early Childhood Family Night**

The first early childhood night is 10/3. We are excited to promote our program and build retention through hosting this event.

### SHAMROCK STRIDE

Kick off assembly was 9/21. We will have staggered start times on the day of the walk. We will have a cash grab wheel, kids wrote letters, and we will have a QR code for people to scan to donate. If we get 35K we will get an early dismissal the week of Catholic Schools week.

### **ACCREDITATION UPDATE**

Monday March 18th. Tina was impressed with how along we are already. Tina is our Lead Cognia Evaluator. We will have to do another survey.

#### HALLOWEEN AT SCHOOL

More emphasis on All Saints Day and not Halloween. We had discussed no costumes and just dressing in black and orange but we have since decided that K-4 will wear costumes after lunch. Parties and treats are in the afternoon. Some want no halloween, some still want costumes. And we are trying to find a balance. We are trying to check with other schools in the archdiocese.

### **PASTOR'S REMARKS**

Security has increased and we know that St. Pat's is a safe place. Fr. Tom talked to the pastor at Christ the King asking how the policy and security was working out for us. We are trying to do the best we can to keep everyone safe.

Closing Prayer at 8:04 pm