



Father Tom Fangman, Pastor
Kami Landenberger, Principal
Candace Thompson, Assistant Principal
Tawnya Mann, Assistant Principal

School Advisory Board Minutes: 4/10/24

Submitted by Melanie Hoffmann

Present: Ashley Carlisle, Candace Thompson, Tawnya Mann, Fr. Tom Fangman, Melanie Hoffmann, Ty Christensen, Brad Peal, Brian Krejci, Abbi Gowen, Kathleen Turner, Ryan McWilliams, and Kami Landenberger

Call to Order: 6:31pm

Prayer and Pledge

March minutes approved by Melanie Hoffmann and Ryan McWilliams

President's Report:

- Parish strategic planning sessions: Facilitated by Kay Doyle on 4/27 and 5/2 at MCL. Important to have SAB representation.
- 5 Candidates for upcoming SAB elections to be held weekend of April 14th-15th during masses: Melissa Graves, Jessi Sallenbach, Nathan Sudbeck, Corey Ayers, and Scott Becker. Following elections, the 3 new board members will be invited to the May 8th SAB final meeting/social at Fr. Tom's house. Nominations/officer elections for vice president and secretary need to take place at May meeting for 2024 school year.
- The focus of the August SAB meeting will be a retreat format focusing on expectations of SAB meetings and members.
- Amendment of By-law Article V, Section 1-4 to allow for immediate family members (siblings) of school and parish employees to be able to be elected to SAB.

Committee Reports:

- **Home and School:** Next meeting is 4/14 at 7:00pm. Kami plans to request funds to help send office staff to FACTS training conference.
- **Finance Committee:** No update. Brad and Ty not getting information on Finance Committee meetings. Idea shared about transitioning to Enrollment Committee as that committee would be more geared towards school finance.
- **School Operation Committee:** Safety meeting hoping to be scheduled following rescheduled safety audit.
- **Parish Pastoral Council:** Brian shared information on the raising of the cross at the new church and a security update with regards to council looking at a possible full time security position at new church.
- **School Improvement Team:** No new info to share
- **Wellness Committee:** Cafeteria transitioning to using real silverware and revisit training and expectations on recycling throughout lunch hour. Ideas shared about having students be more responsible and have assigned duties for cafeteria clean up.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- The disparity between merits and demerits being awarded to middle school students was discussed. Students making comments how many were earned and given out at beginning of year compared to 3rd and 4th quarters. Tawnya shared that data was being shared at grade level/Team meetings.
- Brenda Waters and Candace Thompson introduced St. Patrick's Therapy Dogs, George and Ivy. The therapy dogs would be shared with all at school as needed. The therapy dogs can reduce stress, take mind off of personal problems, along with many more benefits. A powerpoint overview was shared with SAB. Next steps would include an email sent to school families introducing the dogs and program, as well as drafting a possible policy and permission form. Dogs will be getting acclimated with the school and students during these last weeks of school year.

Principal's Remarks:

- **Safety Audit postponed:** rescheduled for 4/29 with a proposed safety committee meeting scheduled for 5/6.
- **Enrollment Update:** 763 as of 4/10 Enrollment trending upward. Administration still touring prospective families and families yet to enroll.
- **Coffee and Conversation Summary:** Approx. 25 parents participated. Some talking points included: can students order for parents with new lunch program next year, push for a free lunch day, the no fast food policy, back to school night (communication sheet), guardian angels (pairing with a grade below and being engaging and intentional with new families), parking lot door dings, angel hour incentive, and Laramie pick up.
- **Laramie pick up:** Laramie will no longer be an option for pick up next school year. Communication will be sent out 5/3 to school families.

- **Wellness Triennial Assessment Follow Up:** CPR certification going to be available for 7th and 8th graders. Will be both grades next year, then alternate years after that.
- **SAB meetings for 2024-25:** SAB meetings will be the 4th Wednesday of the month beginning at 6:30pm with the exception of the November meeting due to Thanksgiving break.

Pastor's Remarks:

Overall the Cognia accreditation representatives were “singing praises” about everything going on at St. Patrick's. Very positive feedback was given. The annual parish and school report will be mailed out to parishioners. Fr. Tom wanting clarification in handbook with regards to parishioner vs. non-parishioner tuition rates and an expectation for having an ach set up for tithing (no set amount) for families to receive parishioner tuition rates. Fr. Tom looking to invite St. John's parish in Valley to our Summer Kick Off May 22nd. The 2 parish offices have an upcoming lunch planned as well.

Meeting Dates 2023-24: SAB Social at Fr. Tom's house (current rectory) on May 8th.

Meeting ended in prayer and was adjourned