



School Advisory Council

October 17, 2018 - Meeting Minutes

6:15 Opening Prayer

Attendees:

- Stephen Sorensen
- Paul Jaskowiak
- Anne Bode
- Father Mark
- Holly Goodwin
- Ed Walters
- Ange Jean (HSA)
- Joshua D. Sisneros
- Victoria Falls
- Carla Cain
- Mike Novak
- Keith Logeman
- Anneliese Degenhart

Superintendent of Schools: Holly Goodwin

Notes regarding the SAC and the way ahead with training and execution:

- Training for SAC members required within 2 years
- Purpose: Planning and Policies to make
- Policy = big picture, not in the weeds. The details are the Principal's responsibility
- SAC is a consultative board, used to advise and give advice to the Principal
- Confidential discussions mean you can't discuss - even with your spouse
- Remember: we've been called to be here, at this time, with all the skills we need to be successful
- Everything you do starts with the mission/vision so you need to ask if your plan and actions align with the mission.
- Serving on this council should help you grow in your faith
- The SAC strategic plan should be a rolling 5 year plan
- Attachments (available upon request):
 - Why Catholic Education Still Matters
 - What makes an education board Catholic?

- Distinguishing characteristics of an effective School Advisory Council
- Six Hallmarks of Exceptional Catholic School Councils
- Board/Council Responsibilities
- Remember that everything begins with your mission, vision and core values

School News

- Gala planning update--April 6, 2019 at the DoubleTree
 - We're asking for donations, before Christmas
 - Promote through classroom projects
 - We're in a good place with our planning
- School theme: Gratitude, sub theme for October is Pro-Life--buddy classes
 - 6th and 1st graders have the Saint and Quote this month
 - Kids learning about canonization and what that means
- Math teacher update on progress
- Tacos for Tuition update on success
 - Made around \$3100 from Tacos for Tuition
 - Plan to hold another event in the Spring
- HSA Movie Night
 - Tying Tacos for Tuition to Movie Night worked great!
- HSA Fall Festival
 - Very successful, but profit TBD
 - Note on CC Craft Club - please support 17 Nov craft event where profits go to Angel Fund
- Color Sundays
 - 2nd Sunday of the month
 - Need to get the work out more effectively on details of Color Sunday
 - The Diocese does 3 Color Sundays per semester, so we need to get into that rotation
- Parent-Teacher Conference Report
 - Well attended, will hold again in the Spring
- ENL Training
 - 5 attended 2nd session of 4 in the series
 - Provided skill in how to teach to ELN students, focused on best practices
 - In our school we assessed ~50 students for ELN
- Shade Structure dedication
 - Ceremony TBD, just need to get all key players scheduled
- Anti-bullying Presentation/Implementation
 - Developed by Jonah Burger, focused on acceptance + strength
 - November: expect all school gathering followed by grade level discussion
- Academic philosophy
 - Tabled for next meeting
- Town Hall Meeting Wed Nov 7th 6:00 PM: Request max participation from SAC
 - Not a gripe session

- Focus on input to grow school
- Recommend a panel representing each group (HSA, SAC, Finance, Father Mark...)

Enrollment/Marketing 18-19

- Advancement Director position update
 - Interview and offer complete, confident of candidate acceptance
- Tours
 - 3 tours last week and 1 scheduled this week so they continue as requested

Athletics

- Volleyball season recap
 - Teams had a great season and each girl got better
 - Most importantly, they played like a champion and were a joy to coach and watch
- Basketball season began 15 October
 - Athletic fee extended, \$70 due asap
- There will be a Fall sports banquet for Basketball and Volleyball; date and time TBD

Financials - Mike Novak

- Overview of school budget
 - Mike provided an exceptional update on the school budget, income and expenses as well as Parish support of the school.
 - Details are confidential, but the school is well positioned to meet its financial commitments this year

Committee Updates and Organizational Gameplan:

- Based on the shortage of time, Steve discussed the Gantt charts each committee will use to track milestones and tabled updates from each committee
- Next meeting: each committee leader will provide a big picture milestone chart
- Committees will focus on adding team members to committees in the next month
 - Gantt Chart Development and Use - Steve Sorensen
 - Building/Grounds Committee (Edwardo & Paul)
 - Community Committee (Ed & Keith)
 - Development Committee (Victoria)
 - Faith Committee (Joshua)
 - Knowledge Committee (Anne & Carla)
 - Leadership Committee (Mike)
 - Service Committee (Steve)

Liaison Updates:

Encuentro & Teachers - Joshua Sisneros

Home School Association - Victoria Falls

Open:

- Steve's comments:
 - 1st Fridays to begin soon, guest speakers discuss what Catholic School means to them
 - Veteran's Day guest speaker in the works
 - Website for SAC up and running
- Next SAC Meeting: 28 November 6:15pm at Father's house
- Discussed recognition program (Principal's program, where SAC can advise). To be discussed next meeting if needed
- Next Meeting Drinks & Snacks: Joshua on the hook for snacks

Agenda Items for Next Meeting / Open Dialogue / ACI

- Committee development/progress
- Gantt Charts development/progress
- Town Hall Hot Wash
- Date for SAC member training with Holly Goodwin
- Budget for 2019/2020 school year first cut/second cut
- School recognition program & daily homework policy

Upcoming Calendar Highlights

ONGOING

Red Strings Beginner (Violin Practice) - Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 3-4pm

Red Strings Advance (Violin Practice) - Tuesdays & Thursdays 3-4:30pm

Basketball Practice:

- Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays: 3:00-4:30pm
- Boys and girls will have one day to themselves

Piano Lessons - Wednesdays 3-4pm

Drama Club - Friday 3pm

OCTOBER:

Basketball Season Began Monday Oct 15th (Girls & Boys 7/8th Grade)

Saint Mary's HS Halloween Dance & Haunted House Friday Oct 19th 7:00pm

Picture Retake Day Monday Oct 22nd 8am

Skate City-\$\$ to CO Spgs Council for Black Catholics Thursday Oct 25 6:00pm

- 1920 North Academy location

Halloween Wednesday Oct 31st - No Basketball Practice

NOVEMBER

Town Hall Meeting - Wednesday Nov 7th: SAC members please attend
Elementary Choir Musical - Friday Nov 9th-11th
Thanksgiving Break - Monday Nov 19th-23rd
Classes Resume - Monday Nov 26th

DECEMBER

Christmas Program 1st-4th + 7th - Tuesday Dec 11th
Christmas Formal Dance 6th-8th - Friday Dec 14th from 6-8pm
End of Second Quarter/Early Release - Friday Dec 21st
Christmas Holiday - Saturday Dec 22th-Monday Jan 7th

JANUARY

Classes Resume Tuesday Jan 8
Martin Luther King Day Monday Jan 21 - School Closed
National Catholic Schools Week Wednesday Jan 27 - Saturday Feb 2

FEBRUARY

All Schools Mass @ St Dominic Catholic Church Friday Feb 1 (Early Release)
Parent/Teacher Conferences Thursday Feb 14 (Early Release)
Parent/Teacher Conferences Friday Feb 15 - Schools Closed
Presidents Day Holiday Monday Feb 18 - Schools Closed
Iowa Assessments Wednesday Feb 20 - Thursday Feb 28

7:15 Closing Prayer