



School Advisory Council December 18, 2018 - Meeting Agenda

6:15 Opening Prayer

Attendees:

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SCHOOL NEWS

- New Agenda format--Please read through agenda items and make notes/write questions so our time is spent discussing rather than reading it
- Gala planning update--April 6, 2019 at the DoubleTree
- School theme: Gratitude, sub theme for December: Play Time
- Teacher updates:
 - Heifer Project--2nd through 4th grades collecting earned money and will decide on project
 - Pregnancy Center donations being collected
 - Staff party--December 21, 2018
 - Handheld radio training will take place next week
 - Teachers are participating in Advent Angels (aka Secret Santa)
 - Teachers are submitting positive behavior activities. Some examples include:
 - Team points – Team Colts v. Team Halloran
 - The students are “Team Colts” and I am “Team Halloran”
 - The students earn a point for compliments from their “special” teachers and staff members; they also earn or lose a point for behavior in the classroom.
 - I earn a point when they do not display proper classroom behavior
 - If I “take” the day, they do not earn points towards extra recess on Friday
 - If they take the day, the points they earned that day go towards extra minutes of recess on Friday
 - I am encouraging my class to be in proper uniform every day by offering homework passes for the entire class if the entire class can come to school in proper uniform for fifteen consecutive days. No luck yet, but we have come close. (5)
 - I’m taking nominations for awards given at the All Schools Mass

- Christ the Teacher Award--the teacher who personifies the ideal of Christ the Teacher
- St. John Bosco Award--teacher who demonstrates excellence in instructional innovation
- St. Peter the Rock Award--staff member who demonstrates excellence in service to the school community
- St. Andre Bessette Award--new teacher who has demonstrated drive and dedication
- Awards given to teachers who have completed milestone years of service in our Diocese
 - Classes are adopting priests in our Diocese
- Color Sunday update: Two families volunteered to bring up the gifts last Sunday. How do we get more families involved?
- Las Posadas--celebrated on Friday, December 21, 2018. Booklets donated by Fr. Frank Epperson (Silvia de la Vallette's brother) and the Vince Buettner
- Teachers will attend training for Virtue Based Restorative Justice on January 7, 2019

“Virtue-Based Restorative Discipline is a spiritual approach to disciplining that cultivates virtue and provides a rich foundation for fostering faith both at home and at school. VBRD can significantly improve school culture, relationships at home, and increase faith practices. Those affected by this movement are becoming the voice of hope – a necessary virtue to change the face of the future for Catholic parishes and schools.”

[\(http://www.virtuebase.org/\)](http://www.virtuebase.org/)
- Saddle Up! has started. Students have been making good choices; e.g., asking students to sit with them at lunch. Teachers are talking with their students about positive and loving behavior.
- Maxine and Anneliese will attend Latino Enrollment Institute (LEI) at Notre Dame
- Accreditation will be in March 2019--surveys will be sent out next week to parents, staff and students
- Dennis Uniform Contract has been signed--still room to change colors

ENROLLMENT/MARKETING 18-19

- Any update?

ATHLETICS

- Fall sports banquet was a success! Around 80 people in attendance. Awards based in Play Like a Champion
- Spring sports banquet: TBD

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- Strategy for filling out committees with parents/parishioners?
- BUILDING/GROUNDS COMMITTEE (Eduardo & Paul):
 - Oversees the implementation and incorporate our facilities initiatives to include:

- 1) New carpeting, painting, and air-conditioning throughout the school;
 - 2) New exterior landscaping and resealing driveways and parking areas;
 - 3) New Capital Reserve Fund to address unforeseen needs.
- COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (Keith):
 - Oversees the implementation and initiatives to include:
 - 1) A comprehensive communication and marketing plan, both internally and externally, will be introduced in order to better share the accomplishments of our students and our work toward the success of this Strategic Improvement Plan;
 - 2) Partnership with our Parish in prayer and dialogue will be increased so that students and parishioners are better connected and aware of all that is happening;
 - 3) A database of all alumni will be created so that class reunions may be held to celebrate the living legacy of our school.
 - **This committee will also incorporate Marketing, Communications, HAS, and Spirit Week initiatives.
- DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (Steve, Anneliese):
 - Incorporate our Finance, Fundraising, GALA, Jog-A-Thon, and other initiatives into an overall development plan.
- FAITH COMMITTEE (Joshua):
 - Oversees the implementation of:
 - 1) Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be implemented in all grades;
 - 2) Yearly retreats will be offered to all students;
 - 3) Continuing formation of teachers to be missionary disciples, both spiritually and academically, will be introduced;
 - 4) The presence of Priests and consecrated religious working in our school will be increased.
 - ** This committee will also incorporate our Catholic Culture and Liaison-to-other-Parishes initiatives.
- KNOWLEDGE COMMITTEE (Ann, Carla, Victoria):
 - Oversees the implementation of:
 - 1) Our entire curriculum will be posted on-line;
 - 2) Our art, music, and foreign language offerings will be enhanced by greater collaboration with the resources available in the Historic Old North End Neighborhood;
 - 3) Pervasive wireless technology will be updated throughout the school along with the addition of new computers and tablets in every classroom and in the library;
 - 4) Ongoing education for our faculty in differentiated learning and English as a Second Language will be increased.

- ** This committee will also incorporate our Academic, Technology, and Encuentro initiatives.

- LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE (Mike):
 - Oversees the implantation of:
 - 1) Ongoing research into best practices of Catholic Schools across the country will be expanded;
 - 2) Our teacher pay-scale will be enhanced in order to attract and retain the best teachers in the city;
 - 3) Our student government involvement will be increased in order to implement all aspects of the Strategic Improvement Plan.
 - ** This committee will also incorporate our Policies/Handbook and Teacher Liaison initiatives.

- SERVICE COMMITTEE (Steve):
 - Oversees the implementation of:
 - 1) A service project liaison between our school and Parish will be established in order to coordinate all efforts for social gatherings, as well as community service projects;
 - 2) Our partnership with Penrose-St Francis Hospital, Springs Village Nursing Center, Catholic Charities, and the Marian House Soup Kitchen will be broadened and deepened.
 - ** This committee will also incorporate our Parents Contact and School Life Initiatives

LIAISON UPDATE:

- Encuentro & Teachers - Joshua Sisneros
- Home School Association - Victoria Falls, movie night

OPEN/OTHER:

- Steve's comments:
- Next SAC Meeting: Wednesday Jan 16th @ 6:15pm
- Next Meeting Drinks & Snacks: _____

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

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UPCOMING CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

ONGOING

- Red Strings Beginner (Violin Practice) - Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 3-4 p.m.
- Red Strings Advance (Violin Practice) - Tuesdays & Thursdays 3-4:30 p.m.
- Basketball Season Starts 8 Jan 2019 3 p.m.

- MathCounts Team - Wednesdays & Thursdays 3-4 p.m. (5th-8th Grade Only)
- Piano Lessons - Wednesdays 3-4 p.m.
- Drama Club - Friday 3 p.m.

DECEMBER

- UES Training for Teachers- Wednesday, Dec. 19th at 3:15 p.m. @ Divine Redeemer
- Principal's Meeting-Thursday, Dec. 20th
- End of Second Quarter/Early Release - Friday Dec 21st
- Christmas Holiday - Saturday Dec 22th-Monday Jan 7th

JANUARY

- Staff Development Day--Restorative Justice
- Classes Resume Tuesday Jan 8
- 5th & 6th Grade Basketball Season Starts Tuesday Jan 8th
- First Friday Guest Speaker - Friday Jan 11th at 2:30pm
- Colors Sunday at Local Parish - Sunday Jan 27th
- Martin Luther King Day Monday Jan 21st - School Closed
- National Catholic Schools Week Sunday Jan 27th - Saturday Feb 2nd

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

- Ash Wednesday Feb 6th
- End of Third Quarter - Friday Mar 8th
- Spring Break Mar 25th-29th - School Closed

7:15 Closing Prayer