

Education Advisory Committee Meeting

November 14, 2017

APPROVED



Fr. John Lantsberger, Mr. Michel, Mrs. Kallhoff, Sandy Bauer, Jacque Brown, Adam Heinitz, Tami Schwebach, and Lee Saude were present.

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm with Father John leading us in prayer. Previous meetings minutes were reviewed. One spelling correction made.

Administrative Report

ASSEMBLIES/EVENTS

- Thank you to Mr. Kruger and the student council for organizing events for Red Ribbon Week. Great to see so much activity by our student body in keeping our schools and students drug and alcohol free!
- Trying to plan assembly for November 20th for Suicide Awareness, working with presenters to finalize.
- November 30th – 5th and 6th grade will travel to Vermillion to see the production of “Little Women”. Students tickets were purchased with funds from the SFO. Thank you to SFO for their support.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

- Gym Roof: Both SFO and Booster Club have agreed to donate funds to help cover the cost of the gym roof. Thank you to both organization!
 - Bid has been secured and approved from J&P Roofing, waiting to hear back on installation date.
- SFO has agreed to donate money to purchase a TV in the main HS Hallway. This will replace our existing bulletin board and will be used for announcements, advertisements, and other information for our students during the day and for our game attendants at night. Should make a nice addition to our hallway – thank you SFO!

ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

- Fall athletic banquet will take place tonight (11/14) at 6:00 PM. Student-athletes from Football, Volleyball, Competitive Cheer, and Cross Country will be recognized for their accomplishments this fall season.
- Winter activities parent meeting will take place tonight (11/15) at ~7:15 PM in the gymnasium. This gives AD Michel and Coach Schmidt/Coach Michel a chance to meet with parents to go over rules and expectations for the upcoming basketball seasons.
- Due to limited gym availability, JH basketball practices are starting this week. First game will be December 7th.
- Varsity practices will begin on November 27th with first game scheduled for December 8th.
- Christmas Concerts will be held on December 1st (K-6) and December 4th (7-12).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 14th – Fall activities banquet @ 6:00 PM (lunchroom)
- November 14th – Winter activities meeting @ 7:15 PM (gym)
- November 16th-18th – Booster Club cookie baking
- November 22rd-24th – No school – Thanksgiving break
- December 1st – Elementary Christmas Concert @ 7:00PM
- December 4th – High School Christmas Concert @ 7:00PM
- December 5th - Midterm
- December 5th – Tom Roberts Assembly – PK-6th. Parents are invited and books will be available for purchase.
- December 6th – First Reconciliation for 2nd grade students

Committee Reports:

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Marketing/Retention – Sandy is working on survey questions. She started with 20 questions and is now down to 12. Goal is to be 10 or less and will be published and distributed on either Survey Monkey or Google Docs. Discussion ensued on presentation (yes/no, fill-in answers, multiple choice), interpreting results, whether it should be anonymous or not with no clear consensus until more study is completed.

Question as to whether daily announcements could be published and accessible to parents. Big Sioux Media might be a possibility.

Discussion on how to use the church bulletin to “inform” parishioners of weekly happenings at school, etc.

Sandy met with Dell Rapids Chamber of Commerce and they are going to focus on promoting their membership. We are not a member currently but Mrs. Kallhoff will fill out paperwork to get St. Mary signed up. Also looking at working with Chamber on having St. Mary school information in packets given out to prospective residents considering moving into community.

Sandy is also working on posts for Facebook target marketing.

Finance – Fr. John presented the current Statement of Activities (School Income and Expenses Statement) for fiscal year to date. Everything is tracking normally.

How School Endowment is reported in the financials was discussed with the possibility of it changing. It will not affect the amount of money we have in our current endowments and is more of a procedural item.

Policy/ Curriculum – Tami, Mr. Michel and Mrs. Kallhoff met regarding the bullying policy to get the language in up to state requirements.

Consequences chart for discipline is being reviewed and there are possibly some changes that will be made. More to come on that after the 1st of the year.

Facilities – Elementary morning drop-off policy was discussed. Use of crosswalk across 8th street between the elementary and middle schools to be enforced once the lines are re-painted. Parking has been prohibited on south side of 8th street in front of the middle school. Considering doing the same on the north side of 9th near the student parking lot. Also looking at banning parking near corners for at least one space to improve sight lines and increase pedestrian safety.

Gym roof project slated to start soon. SFO and Booster Club are both donating to this project to minimize budget ramifications. J&P Roofing to complete repairs.

Discussion was held on having weekly devotionals by the Mary statue for the high school students. This was previously done but was discontinued several years ago.

Sandy motioned, and Tami seconded to approve previous meeting minutes (with spelling correction) and administrative/committee reports. All voting aye, motion passed.

Old business:

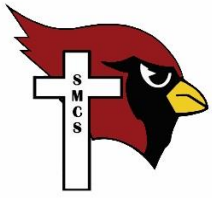
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New Business:

First reading of Bullying Policy revision was held and changes were suggested to clarify the policy.

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Chemistry weighted course discussion was held. As chemistry is a required course, it will no longer be a weighted course. Weighted courses are generally for electives.

No executive session

Next meeting scheduled for 3:30 pm on December 12, 2017 in parish conference room.

Father John led us in a closing prayer.

Adam motioned, and Jacque seconded to adjourn. All voting aye, motion passed.

Meeting ended at 5:20 pm.

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