

St. Anne School Advisory Board Minutes

February 26, 2015

Meeting Called to Order - 7:05 p.m.

Attendees: Dawn Kapka, Margaret Graff, Tricia Rasmussen, Denice Peters, Nathan Perry, Hayde Federighi, Christine Jodoin, Colleen Kozak, Norm Yustin, Kim D'Amore
via Telephone Conference

Prayer and Reflection

January Minutes Approval - Voted on by SASAB and approved

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Catholic

- Catholic Schools Week - It was fabulous from start to finish... Science Fair, Mass, Open House, School/Parish Leader Day, Student Appreciation Day, Parent Appreciation Day, Teacher Appreciation Day, and finally Spirit of Service Day.
- Student Leadership Commission - Feed My Starving Children, evening of Tuesday, Jan. 27
- CSW Open House – Mass attendance and family participation was appreciated. Special thank you to SASAB members!
- Parish Mission Sparough Family Team – Wise Fools and Happy Stewards Feb. 2, 3, and 4.
- Tom Sparough – School Performance – The Stories of St. John Bosco – rescheduled for Feb. 3rd due to Snow Day
- Feed My Starving Children field trip for 5th and 6th graders on Wed. Feb. 11.
- School Liturgies – Jan 28 & Feb 4
- Ash Wednesday Service – Feb. 18th Word Service we focused on Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving
- The theme for 2015 St. Anne Almsgiving effort –NPH – kick off assembly for our guest on Wednesday, March 4th
- With the support of Alexian Brothers Parish Services – Faith Formation Initiative – “Finding Kind” Parent University- Thursday, Feb. 12th

- Bellarmine Retreat for 8th graders facilitated by Michael Hugo – positive feedback from students
- St. Damien performance Grades 4-8, Friday, February 20th, 1pm
- St. Viator hosts 6th grade retreat on Thursday, March 12th

Excellence

- Kick off to CSW – Spelling Bee, Animal Magic Cultural Arts Assembly, Pep Rally and 8th grade basketball game against faculty!
- Scholastic Bowl Tournament – Saturday, Jan. 31
- Technology Transformation – continued PD in Technology...Further instruction in Chromebook usage and iPads.
- Miss Wolf – small group PD every Tuesday in technology areas.
- Try-It Tuesdays – Pomegranate seeds
- Sticky Fingers Cooking – Culinary experiences are going to extend to three after schools days a week.
- Many parents attended the Optional Parent Teacher Conferences – Feb 12th
- Prepared for and submitted Artifact Management on-line toolkit for AdvancED process
- ASPIRE and EXPLORE assessment result were sent out to 8th grade parents this week
- Terra Nova Standardized Assessments – Week of March 2nd, Grades 2, 3, 5, and 7
- Speech Contest – Saturday, March 7th
- Science Regionals – Saturday, March 7th
- Class Trips: Washington DC (April 21-23), Springfield (May 27), Chicago (May 28)

Vital

- Enrollment information - Re-registrations are coming in daily. There are many outstanding registrations. Personalized forms went home and phone calls were made. Tuition will be built on an attainable number based on prior years. Raffles were successful.... (Cardinal Pride out of uniform – one per month until June)
- New collage and yearbook cover graphics will be hung in the school foyer and main hallway
- Summer Camp plans in progress – Camp Invention, Athletic Camps, Preschool camps, and more

- Snow/Cold Days – Calendar clarification – add 3 days to school calendar to meet Arch expectations: Easter Monday – April 6, Thursday and Friday – June 11, 12.
- Preparing for ISBE visit on April 28th
- Preparing for Protecting God’s Children audit in April
- Preparing preliminary calendar for 2015-2016
- Projected start date: Monday, August 24
- Thanksgiving Break beginning at 3:10pm on November 20th- classes resuming on Monday November 30th
- Christmas Break beginning at 3:10pm on December 22nd – classes resuming on Wednesday, January 6th
- Projected closing date: Tuesday, June 7th

2015-16 Calendar Discussion

- Discussion about managing SAS calendar vs. D220 in terms of start/end and major holiday breaks.
- The Archdiocese has different requirements for catholic schools then the public schools
- Last day of school will be noted on the calendar as well as 5 makeup days that would only be used if needed (we used 5 this year)
- Discussion of Easter Monday as an important consideration for Catholic families, especially in 2016, as it immediately follows Spring Break.

REPORT BY COMMITTEE

Marketing - Margaret Graff

- Barrington 365 is up and running. There is a plan to have more regular postings.

Cardinal Pride - Christine Jodoin

- Met with Margaret and Hayde to discuss the plan of action. We are asking the room moms to organize a social event, with children or parents only, for every grade level, and have it done twice a year. One parent event and one child event to let parents be social. Next year you can apply to be part of the Cardinal Pride Committee. Eighth grade receives a pass because of 8th grade graduation.

Cultivating Cardinal Pride - Colleen Kozak

- This Cardinal Pride is less about the grade level. Talked about having pep rallies for each season. Not only athletics, but academic bowl, the band could play, something during the day that would bring the students and school spirit together. Also talked about spirit wear being worn on certain days or the team jersey.
- Talked about parents feeling connected and the various forms of communication that we have. Each teacher has a different methodology as to how they communicate with parents. Is there a minimum expectation of communication by grade. Some teachers are very communicative and not so much. Is there a need for templates?
- Should family socials be held outside or at a home? How do we make our fifth grade parents feel loved and not think about going anywhere else during those fallout years? We need to provide additional support to the fifth grade room moms.

Zip Codes - Tricia Rasmussen

- Grassroots efforts. Discussion on how to connect with people from different areas outside of the zip code. Word of mouth, host a party to get information? Currently scheduled a focus group to meet on March 16, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. to discuss how did you find us, why did you choose us, etc.

Alumni Development - Denice Peters

- Received two responses for alumni page. Not good, not bad. Have spoken with Donna and Katie Parker. Would like to do a coffee with those on Mrs. Parkers list of alumni and some of the parents, and let them know they are a huge help to us.
- Need to have discussion about what is the target group? The alumni parents? Alumni 25 years or older? Parishioners are Alumni parents. Can something be put in the Clarion? What are the different venues that can be used?

Athletics - Colleen Kozak

- Pack the gym shifted because of the weather. Went well. Kids appreciated it. Last minute loss. Winter sports concluded. Boys volleyball kicked off tonight. Kicking off track as well.
- Athletic Academic Policy was updated. In terms of changing the number of failed grades before athletic suspension. Eddie Fay is in charge of conference this year and this topic came up. We can feel very proud of how we handle it. There is a list on Sunday night and the student is notified. Other schools are looking to model it. Eddie and Lisa say it is a fair process and as such we are not changing the process. Academic eligibility causes a

lot of angst in a lot of schools. We need to be mindful of our students needs. This is a fair and just way of doing it.

- Motion to approve Amendment to Academic ineligibility. Kids sign something when they sign up. Motion to Change criteria from three D to two D's. Approved.

Finance - Nathan Perry

- A lot of time was spent talking about school funding. Capital Fundraiser will start in 2016. Next month there will be more discussion about the campaign.
- Questions that arose at the meeting; when families register, can that automatically register you for Gift Central? Does \$2000 qualify you for tuition rate? May need to set the bar higher.

Home and School - Hayde Federighi

- **Father Daughter Dance and The Mother Son Event took place in March and were well attended.**
- **Nominations Packets for open positions on the Home and School Executive Board have gone out. Have not received any responses yet.**
- **Our Pizza day committee chairs are moving on, and we are currently seeking replacements.**

Community Life - Christine Jodoin

- **Community life is doing well.**
- **Denim and Diamonds is scheduled for April 24th, 2015**
- **Music Under the Stars is being held on June 19th and August 21st**
- **Golf Outing is scheduled for September 24th**
- **STAGG is having October Fest**
- **The Celebration of Father Chris' Citizenship is taking place March 7th after 5:15 mass, and Father Jack's 50th anniversary is scheduled for April 26th at 11:00 mass.**
- **Leadership Summit is scheduled for May 16th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**
- **Faith formation has been scheduled.**
- The mass with Archbishop Cupich had 800 in attendance and the mass can be viewed on the website. The idea of crowds may have scared some people off. Father Sparrow's attendance was low due to weather.
- We are in the 6th wave of Teach Who Christ Is.

- The Office of the Pastor meeting is Scheduled for March 6th, 2015 and Jill Whiting from CCS Fundraising will be there to discuss the details of our second largest ask.

Policy - Robin Kelleher

- Unable to attend but sent an email about Policy. CCI continues to lobby for choice of education in the context of tax credits to anyone making donations to schools. Does not have an update on that yet. The quality tax credit tax is still moving forward. If our school wants to join we can email our logo to CCI. No downside to show support and can serve as liaison. CCI reached agreement with Board of Education on implementing rules on teachers licenses and professional development. More updates at the next meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 12th, 2015.

Motion to adjourn 8:28