

St. Joseph School Advisory Council Minutes

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

6:00 pm, Heritage Room, St. Joseph Catholic School and Church

Present: Zachary Baehr, Ann Wackel, Don Kucera, Kevin Naumann, Chris Fox, Jamie Srb, Amy Killeen, Chelsea Schauer, Kris Maul, Fr. McCabe, guest Joe LeDuc

Not present: Ann Wackel; SFA representative

Meeting called to order: Zachary Baehr

Opening Prayer: Fr. McCabe

Approval of January Minutes

President Zachary Baehr asked for a motion to approve the January 15, 2020 minutes. Don Kucera moved to approve, and Kevin Naumann seconded the motion. All approved, and the motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

Fr. McCabe

- Discussion on expansions
 - Consideration of space at schools and parishes and funding
 - New Pius X building plan for theater, etc.
 - Moving forward in 6 months-1 year with Diocese starting capital campaigns and parishes moving ahead in the next couple years
 - St. Joseph School expansion will have to be done with Pius X in mind rather than as an afterthought
 - Need to motivate parishioners and donors to give
- Looking forward to First Confession, First Communion, and Confirmation
- Don K. asked if there are any outstanding projects for upkeep of church/school. Fr. McCabe said we are working on the roof, carpeting, and landscaping
- Chelsea S. asked about the new tech fee and its implementation at St. Joseph School. Fr. McCabe explained that right now we are absorbing the fee through parish giving and large donors, but we'll keep an eye on it over the next couple years
 - Suggestion that this information be included on the tuition agreements for next year

Principal's Report

Kevin Naumann

- Parent-Teacher conferences were last week. Thanks to SFA and Knights of Columbus for providing meals
- First Communion meeting last night
- Kindergarten Preview occurred today after school. At this point, we are expecting 33 Kindergarten students, which is likely to increase based on normal year-to-year trends
- Service awards after Mass tomorrow for those turning in 30 or more hours. Mrs. Jundt has reported a huge uptick in service hours this year.
- Next Monday will see the last Girls' Basketball games with part of proceeds going to St. Gianna's Women's Homes
- SFA All-Parent meeting next Tuesday with presentation on SmartGEN and installation of new officers
- Final touches on science room upgrades expected to be done next Wednesday
- Looking forward to First Penance on February 29
- The Spring food drive will be held the first week of March
- ITBS testing will take place the first week of March

SFA Update

Dave and Bridget Easley are the new SFA presidents but were unable to be present

Unfinished Business

- Kevin discussed scheduling and calendar from Diocese for 2020-2021 school year with first day of school set for August 17, which will be a half day city-wide, and the last day set for May 26, which will be a full day and when we will have our Field Day
- Kris M. suggested moving Mass to a later time for the first day
- Catholic Schools Week is scheduled for January 31-February 5, 2021
- Contract days: 173 for students and 190 for teachers

New Business

- Need nominations for next year's School Advisory leadership in April
- Discussion on Scholastic Book Fair/Club
 - Concerns about a perceived LGBTQ agenda and the need to prayerfully discern use going forward
 - Survey sent to parents – 50% are concerned; 55% indicated a desire to continue using Scholastic and 45% indicated a desire to discontinue; a majority (around 70%) aren't interested in other book clubs
 - Discussion ensued, leading to a decision to keep Scholastic with teachers' discretion and providing other options if parents request them

Closing Prayer: Fr. McCabe

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: April 15, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Heritage Room

Submitted by: Carrie Finson, Council Secretary

Council Members (12)

Fr. McCabe, Pastor

Kevin Naumann, School Principal

President: Zachary Baehr, Parent

Vice President: Don Kucera, Parishioner

Secretary: Carrie Finson, Director of Communications

Chris Fox, School Staff

Amy Killeen, Parent

Kris Maul, School Staff

David and Bridget Easley, SFA Presidents or Nick and Shiloh Froeschl, SFA Vice Presidents (usually only one of these 4 is present)

Chelsea Schauer, Parent

Ann Wackel, Parish/School Business Manager

Jamie Srb, School Staff