

Saint Columbkille School Advisory Council

Meeting Agenda September 1, 2016 7:00 p.m. School Library

Opening Prayer – Kristi

In attendance: Jim Makey, Brandi Redburn, Kristi Preisman, Father Dave Reeson, Jared Hollinger, Catherine Swinarski, Mike Campie, Wendy Squarcia, Barb Muellner, Therrel Brown, Mindy Pelton

Not attending: Carrie George

New Business (5 minutes)

- **Policy Review:** We approved policies 5007.1; 5011.2; 5502.1 and two additional policies – 5007.2 and 5007.3

Recurring Business (60 minutes)

Stevens Center Food

- Barb collected \$10 from each member to provide food for Stevens Center.
- Reminder to SAC members to bring the food items they signed up for to Barb on September 14 after school.

Goal 1: School Tuition and Service Hours (20 minutes)

- Update from Kristi– She spoke to a member of the Pastoral Council who indicated that full flat tuition is not an option at this time. The council would be in support of the SAC helping school administration

hold people accountable for paying tuition and completing service hours. A written plan will be developed and sent to the Pastoral Council at a later date.

- Tuition has improved at the school since last month's meeting. Tuition plans for families in need will continue to be worked through the school administration.
- Stewardship Hours
 - Review of the Stewardship policy
 - Alternative ideas to completing and tracking the current 50 hours were discussed to include the following:
 - Monetary contribution in place of hours
 - Decreasing service hours
 - Divide all families into a number of teams for different volunteer activities/stewardship opportunities with a designated team lead. The team lead is responsible for contact of all team members and ensuring their project is completed. This will help build the community / team building concept.
 - Discussion of hours versus point system and how to track these for each family – the current way of tracking through Volgistics isn't effective. It is difficult to hold people accountable if they don't log their hours in the system.
 - If we come up with a new stewardship system, this could become the SAC project. We would come up with a comprehensive list of volunteer opportunities and provide a deadline for

families to sign up before we assign duties to the remainder of families.

- Each SAC member is going to contact other schools to find out what stewardship models may work better than our current model. Collect this information for service hour revamp and pass to Kristi prior to the October meeting.

Goal 2: School Communication (15 minutes)

- Update Mike/Kristi – We reviewed the five column form that shows the important items that families want to hear about from the school (What/Where/Mode of Communication/Frequency/Notes from sub-committee and/or SAC conversations). We also reviewed the survey to help determine how effective current communication is and ways to improve the overall school communication methods. The survey will be available to complete electronically during the curriculum night next Tues and Thurs. Several changes were made to the survey through member input.

Pastor

- Father Reeson would like to come up with a priority list of needs and wants for the school, church, grounds, etc. If someone donates money in memory of someone, he would like to have a list to show where the money will be going to help.

Principal

1. Enrollment: K – 60

1st – 53
2nd – 56
3rd – 56
4th – 50
5th – 60
6th – 60
7th – 62
8th – 57
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2. Chromebook Initiative – The initial rollout went smoothly. There were minimal problems which were able to be handled. The building connectivity seems to be working well. All fees were collected so we have our seed money for next year’s purchase.

3. Twenty-one school staff were trained in CPR & First Aid on August 9th.

4. Open House was well-attended, but many people skipped the prayer service and just came to the school.

5. We had our first fire drill on Friday, August 26th. We all exited the building in good time.

6. Our Walk-a-thon fundraiser kickoff was Thursday, August 25th.

7. Picture Day was Aug. 29th. We will have a re-take day on October 11th.

8. We are also doing our initial MAP testing this week. This data will be used for teachers as a baseline for where their students are academically at the start of the year. We monitor Spring-to-Spring growth as a school.

9. Curriculum Nights are coming up on Sept. 6th and 8th.

10. The archdiocese now posts the Curriculum Guides on an open website so that anyone who is interested in our standards can access them at curriculum.archomaha.org

11. HSA is having their Family Fun Night at Papio Fun Park on Sept. 15th.

12. There is no school on Friday, Sept. 16th. Teachers will have School of Faith in the morning and a math workshop in the afternoon.

13. Thursday, Sept. 22nd is our Archdiocesan Principals Meeting.

14. Thursday, Sept. 29th is the Archbishop's Dinner for Education at Embassy Suites.

15. We will be doing Terra Nova testing the week of October 3rd.

- 16. Our PLCs are continuing to meet this year on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 3:30-4:30. These are made up of smaller groups of teachers with the focus being how to improve instruction and student learning.

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Closing Prayer – Jared

St. Columbkille 101: Mindy (Sept 4)