

St. Columbkille School Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes

Location: St. Columbkille School Library

Date: March 3, 2016 7:00 PM

Roll Call

Role	Name	Present?
Pastor	Fr. Dave Reeson Fr. Kevin Vogel	yes no
School Staff Principal	Mr. Jim Makey Mrs. Brandi Redburn	yes yes
Council Officers President Vice President Secretary	Mr. Kirt McAlpine Dr. Kristi Preisman Therrel Brown	yes yes yes
Other Council Members	Mr. Jared Hollinger Mrs. Barb Muellner Mrs. Mindy Pelton Mrs. Catherine Swiniarski	yes yes yes yes

Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with the Lord's Prayer (Jared).

New Business & Outcomes

1. Kristie initiated the discussion on the Chromebook program, particularly some parent concerns regarding usage in/out of class, learning disruptions and the role of the school. Mr. Makey has an information sheet (attached) about the program. The consensus was that the SAC members, along with the administration would partner to try to get the information out and answer questions/concerns of parents. The school's technology policy needs to be reviewed and updated. Mr. Makey said that he would also discuss at the next H.S.A. meeting.
2. Catherine & Fr. Resson led the discussion on school funding, tuition costs/fees and tithing. Our tuition model is dependent upon members of the parish/school families tithing; the tithing is not keeping up with costs and is putting unsustainable pressure on the current tuition rate. Tuition is scheduled to increase from \$1575 to \$1700 next year. Our teacher salaries are pegged to 85% of Papillion LaVista teacher salaries and we are losing out on some teacher hires as a result. There was discussion about setting a higher non-Parishioner rate. The finance committee has raised some questions and the idea of including tuition concerns in the next parent survey was discussed. SAC will have a representative at the next finance committee meeting at 8:00PM on the 12 April.
3. Parent survey had 196 responses, specific concerns/issues will be presented at next month's meeting.
4. Need to recruit two new members; Catherine will publish a bulletin announcement.

Leadership Reports

- a. Pastor's Report – No report.
- b. Principal's Report- Mr. Jim Makey (see attached)
 - a. Mr. Finnegan is leaving (retiring), will start advertising for a replacement. Spanish teacher is also leaving, will look for a part time replacement (position is part time now).
- c. Pastoral Council – No report.
- d. Facility Report – The first of three architects were interviewed for planning the new gym facility; schematics are due by September followed by the feasibility study. A parish town hall will be conducted prior to the initiating of fund raising. Look to begin the pledge drive in CY17.
- e. Athletic Council – Bowling event was a huge success (cleared over \$3500); the golf event was also successful. Sports field clean-up is coming up. We received donations of new nets and a field paint sprayer. Bill Frackman (sp?) is the new Athletic President, with Travis Pinkelman as the Vice President.
- f. President's Report – No report.

Committee Reports – No committee reports provided.

Strategic Plan – SAC will review the Strategic Plan which calls for SAC members to liaison with various committees. The committees called for in the Strategic Plan are: Finance, Staffing, Marketing, Technology, Academic Excellence, Facilities and Catholic Identity. This will be discussed further at the April meeting.

Closing

The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Father Dave.

Next Meeting: Thursday April 7th, 2016 – 7:00 PM (School Library)

Minutes Preparation: Therrel Brown