

Saint Columbkille School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

June 6th, 2019

6:00 p.m.

School Library

Members Present: Mike Campie, President; Angie Eidem, Vice President; Brandi Redburn, Principal; Sarah Foreman, Assistant Principal; Fr. Dave Reeson, Pastor, Kayla Uptmor, Jason Feldhaus, Jennifer Sauer, Nick Emanuel, Carrie George, Julie Stangl, Secretary

Excused: Jason Feldhaus

Guests: Kristen South, Renee Frankman, Michelle Black, Stephanie Crainer

Opening Prayer – Mike

- **Special Session: New Software Option review (530 - 6) - FACTS**
- **Leadership**
 - **Pastor -**
 - Report on mass attendance: What can we do to get St. C school kids to church?
 - 20 Families that paid no tuition last year . Brainstormed options going forward:
 - Encourage them
 - Require them to apply for tuition / “Children’s scholarship”
 - Stewardship hours
 - Auto withdrawal
 - Finance Peace University
 - Look into St. C scholarship(s) for grade school students (like what is done for Catholic high school scholarships)
 - Payment plans with church
 - Sponsor the families
 - Continue to do Financial Overview during Curriculum Night
 - **Principal** – see Attachment 1
 - No update on Advanced Ed yet
 - **Pastoral Council** (by attending member)
 - Established budget for fiscal year (7/1/19 - 6/30/20). No impact on school budget.

- **Strategic Plan – Goal Review and Update for Following Year –**
 - Goal brainstorming and review
 - Changes will be incorporated into the updated SAC Strategic Plan. Michelle has the lead on that.

ATTACHMENT 1 - PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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Principal's
Report

Cell Phone and Personal Technology Policy: We don't have anything in the handbook currently about cell phones, Smart Watches, etc., but it's becoming more of an issue for us lately. I propose adding this language to the Family Handbook: *Electronic devices such as cell phones, smart watches, FitBits, iPads, bluetooth headphones and other such devices with wireless or bluetooth technology may not be used, worn, or carried during school hours. If for safety reasons, parents want their child to bring a cell phone to school, **the phone must be turned off and kept in the student's backpack or locker, and may not be used in school during the school day.***

If a student's cell phone (or other wireless or bluetooth enabled device) is used during the day (text message, etc.) or is a distraction in any way, it will be confiscated and taken to the school office. The device must be must be picked up by a parent or other designated adult. Parents who need to get a message to their child during the school day may contact the office, and a message will be sent to the child before the end of the day.

Students are expected to conduct themselves morally and with Catholic behavior when using cell phones and other devices). Students involved in using personal electronic devices in a way that violates the philosophy and policies of St. Columbkille School are subject to disciplinary action. The school is not responsible for the loss or destruction of any electronic device or cell phone brought to school by a student.

New Student Information System: We are looking to enter into a contract with a new provider to replace Sycamore, and our top choice at this point is FACTS (formerly Ren-Web). FACTS will be doing a short demo/Q & A Session before Thursday's meeting at 5:30. Facts integrates classroom features (attendance, lunch count, report cards, etc.), Student and Family Management (discipline logs, demographics, etc.), Staff Information (schedules, evaluation, etc.), Academics (report cards), Cafeteria, Communication (email, report cards and progress reports, FACTS Parent Alert), Health Information, FACTS Family online (announcements, resources, calendar, grades, etc.), Reporting, Scheduling, etc. We would use the Incidental Billing feature for online billing and payments and next year we would roll in the Tuition Management piece as well as Grant & Aid Assessment. Chris Gahan and Phelecia Leitch will present to us and answer questions on June 6 at 5:30 in the Library.

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures During Construction: Greg Monico (Sarpy County Sheriff) and David Fanslau (Omaha City Planner) advised our school committee on drop off and pick up procedures for the upcoming year. We will use the east end of the church parking lot for grades 3-5, the lane along the north end of the church for Middle School, the west side of the school (Jefferson Street) for grades 1 and 2, and the east side for kindergarten and preschool. I have a map that I will share with you at the meeting.