

ST MICHAEL SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2019

In Attendance: Brian Whitta, Doug Trenkamp, Carrie Broadman, Kerry Pinion, Christopher McDaniel, Chris Heck, Amy Holzwart, Deacon Mike Eier, Fr. Mike Zacharis, Amy Koomen Guests: Charlene Wilkins, Ann Karhoff Absent: Annette Bahn

Carrie opened the meeting at 7:05PM with a prayer.

Minutes: Brian Whitta made a motion to approve the minutes, Carrie seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved and carried.

Old Business:

- A) Catholic Schools Week – Week started out with lots of great activity and participation on Sunday. The week was cut short because of school cancellation, but the activities held on Monday and Tuesday were good.
- B) Exit/Retention Results – Brian provided a list of what we do well and how we can improve based on ranking of top topics from previous meeting. List was ranked by SAC committee survey. Next steps, the SAC should review the areas we can improve and identify a few action items or suggestions. Agreement that SAC should communicate to the school the results prior to Sign-Up Sunday. Discussion on including an article in Amy's weekly newsletter. Amy, Deacon Mike, Fr. Mike will meet weekly to keep these topics top of mind.
- C) STEM/Family Read Night – March 7 – Committee of teachers, librarian, and SAC members are planning events to happen in the library, art room, sixth grade classrooms. They will work to have 6-8 grade students volunteer and target younger students and families to attend.

An overview on Healthy Choices Day and Parent Event was provided. The school hosted the K9 unit, Judge Kristen Johnson and Scott Frank from the Digital Empowerment Project for the students. The events were well received. In the evening, 50-55 parents attend In Plain View and around 40 parents attend Mr. Frank's Digital Empowerment presentation. Amy shared that Mr. Frank's cost is very reasonable and we could potentially look at having him back in the future.

- D) School Budget for 2019-2020 – Christopher McDaniel and Doug Trenkamp met with Dow and Fr. Mike. They agreed on the recommendations from SAC on tuition and wage increase.

New Business:

- A) Sign-up Sunday – March 10 – Hours will shift for the day 9:30AM- 1:30PM. SAC members will volunteer for one of the shifts. Amy will send out the updated forms for everyone to review prior to sign-up Sunday.
- B) Nominating Committee is needed to identify candidates for two new members to replace Doug Trenkamp and Chris Heck. Amy to look for online link to send out for people to express interest. SAC identified that we can look for people with Finance or Marketing backgrounds. SAC members will also brainstorm potential members. We will also have a sign at Sign-Up Sunday to promote volunteering for SAC.

Principals Report:

- A) The diocese is evaluating a program from Edmentum called Exact Path. This tool analyzes MAP scores and provides custom lessons for each student. Parents receive logins to get access to resources and activities that can be used year-round. Resources are also available for teachers to use. Cost is \$11K a year. Other online classes are available for students to use as independent study including foreign languages. The cost would be an additional \$16.50 per student. Amy is investigating if the local high schools would accept this as transferrable credits.
- B) Ed Choice Expansion – Lincoln, Wilson Vance and Jacob students can now qualify for traditional Ed Choice and students can get \$4500 to put toward private schools tuition. Discussed marketing this to the community via newspaper and bulletin and Fostoria. Amy shared there are 60K scholarships available from the state and only 20K were used last year. Discussion around identifying testing for all students who would apply to St. Michael via Ed Choice to make sure we can provide appropriate education for students. Amy to investigate options for testing.
- C) Alumni Survey - Amy shared a survey that will go out via mail to 2018 graduates of St. Michael's. Brian suggested an on-line version and starting a database of alumni data. A suggestion was made to add a link on the website to all alumni to provide contact information to keep in touch with their alma mater.

Pastor's Report:

- a) St. Wendelin – The parish shared that they are using the school endowment to support catholic education scholarships. Fr. Mike to connect with Fr. Todd. We will recognize St. Wendelin parishioners for the active parishioner discount. Brian shared that students will be eligible for busing. Fr. Mike asked Brian to confirm this so we could educate St. Wendelin families. Fr. Mike shared that we may look at purchasing items from the school. Discussion was had around advertising sign-up Sunday and hosting students in February for a visit.
- b) Branding for Sports – Mark Pinion and Josette Brinkman have spearheaded a new Sport's logo. Changes will be coming to support the logo to the gym including new wall pads, bleacher curtains and eventually the floor and spirit wear.
- c) Security – working on a diagram for police identifying security cameras. Adding cameras for a few blind spots. Replaced wall of glass in old school building for safety.
- d) Staff appreciation event was cancelled and is being rescheduled at rectory.
- e) Fr. Chris Bazar's death this week was sad news for the parish and staff. Funeral will be Friday.

Guest Comments:

Charlene Wilkins shared that she is appreciative of the enthusiasm of SAC. Ann Karhoff provided feedback on the survey. She expressed that we need to find a way to educate parents on the budget and how money is spent on the school. Fr. Mike shared that he plans to address with the school but is awaiting guidance on Ed Choice. She also expressed the teachers would love an intervention specialist and appreciated the research Amy Kooman shared on special ed vouchers

Upcoming Events:

- a. Feb. 4 - Athletic Boosters @ 7 pm
- b. Feb. 15 - Right to Life basketball
- c. Feb. 18 - President's Day - No School
- d. Feb. 22 & 23 – Annie Jr. Drama
- e. Feb 25 – Quiz Bowl at Cory Rawson
- f. March 1 – Bakery Bingo 6pm
- g. March 6 – Ash Wednesday - All School Mass 9am
- h. March 7 – Family Reading Night /STEM Night
- i. March 10 – Sign Up Sunday/Science Fair/ Book Fair
- j. March 13 – next SAC Meeting

Carrie closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Pinion, Substitute SAC Recording Secretary