

School Advisory Council Meeting

Monday, September 10, 7:00 pm

Library Conference Room

Present: Father Bill, Wendy Sims, Chris Byrne, Abigail Costello, Tony Raluy, Ann Showalter, Mike Doran, Chris Legere, Brian Stephenson, Brent Norton, Laura Rittmuller, Stephanie Miller, Mick McGrath, Chris Schneidtmiller, Susan Andriot

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chris Byrne. Abigail Costello opened with the prayer.

Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Laura Rittmuller to accept the minutes.

The motion was 2nd by Abigail Costello. Motion passed.

Recommended Action Item Review

- **Athletics:** Chris Schneidtmiller and Mick McGrath introduced a new program that will hopefully connect SMM athletes with their faith. Mick is forming a team of volunteers who will go to team practices once or twice throughout the season of each sport offered at SMM and share scripture and/or personal stories about their connection with Jesus and how important He really is in our lives. Mick shared his own story about his first connection with Jesus.
- **Stewardship Video:** What feedback has been received regarding the recent stewardship video? The video was produced to notify SMM families of the current financial situation at SMM. Several are very passionate about this subject and as a result there is concern about the support or lack of commitment based on facts provided in the video. It was suggested to create another video to include input from parents who value the importance of a Catholic education. SMM is the last stewardship parish/school in Louisville. If the contributions continue like they have been and with the annual increase in expenses, it does not seem feasible to continue as a stewardship parish.

Information and Reports:

Pastor Report:

- No formal report from Father Bill; however, he mentioned that his door is always open and he is keeping busy with the day to day operations of the parish/school.

Principal Report:

- MAP assessments are being completed on Chromebooks and iPads. A group of teachers will receive training from the Archdiocese and learn how to read the assessments and reports. They will then train the other teachers at SMM. Parents who work with JCPS have inquired about the results from the assessment. The results will not be distributed. They are being used as a baseline for all students.
- STREAM week is Oct 22 – 25. The theme is “Energy and Conservation”. It was suggested that, that week might be a good time to practice “No Idle” during carpool.
- Parent/Teacher/Student conferences are Oct 17 & 18.
- Fall break is 18 -21 October.
- Safety drills have been completed for the new school year. Wendy is looking for someone to conduct First Aid training to the teachers. Brent Norton and Chris Byrne will provide information to Wendy.
- On September 17 the 8th grade will be going to Gasper River for team building.
- Accelerated Reader program has been removed from the SMM curriculum. It is being replaced with Biblionasium. The levels members will discuss ways to motivate reading throughout the school.
- The Archdiocese is hosting Catholic Schools Week November 17 – 23. Modified tours will be given at SMM on October 22 and Open House at SMM is November 19.

- The crossing guards resigned and the SMM office staff and PTO have been working together to come up with a solution to replace the former company. There have been several road blocks when trying to find a replacement due to the change in city government and the LMPD.

Staff Report:

- Teachers have been conducting MAP testing using the tools that have been provided. Sherry Baird and Joe Reed have been extremely involved in the testing process to ensure that everything runs smoothly being that this is the first time conducting MAP testing.
- Teachers are open to having parent volunteers help them with the STREAM activities.

Committee Reports

Financial Committee: No report.

School Improvement Plan Committee: No report.

Advancement Committee: There is a lunch and learn on Tuesday, September 24 from 12 – 1:15. The topic is discovering ways to market Catholic schools. Abigail Costello will attend.

Parish/School Relations Committee: No report.

Executive Committee: No report.

PTO: The website for the Mustang Mile is currently down.

Athletics: Report above under Recommended Action Item Reviews

FUTURE BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

November 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

Location: Library Conference Room

Prayer assignment – Chris Legere

Respectfully submitted by Susan Andriot