

School Advisory Committee – April 18th
5:30-7:30

Present: Lori Golomski, Heather Grams, Anne Novotny, Cheryl Warner, Carole Poth, Jen Thayer, ShaNese Jones, Melissa Karls, Maria Melendes, Lori Larch, Kevin Mullen, Lisa Metz

Prayer by Lori Golomski

1. Approval of March minutes
2. Principal's Report
 - a. 8th Grade trip to Washington D.C leaves Friday – with 2 staff & 10 parents
 - b. 6th Grade Parent meeting took place to address some concerns and need for support. Feedback was overall positive. Parents, staff and students are all working together to continue promoting a more positive environment for the last 2 months of school.
 - c. End of year PD about Math /number sense and the goal of teaching executive functioning skills for the non-Math teachers.
 - d. Staff update – a couple of teachers are moving on and there may be movement within the grade levels. Currently working to fill teaching position for Art & K5.
 - e. Conversations are taking place about 5/6th grade student expectations becoming more aligned with one another along with 7/8 grade... as opposed to a 6-8 grade model. This may create some staffing changes and creativity. Discussion will continue about best practices and the pros/cons of a traditional Junior High model.
 - f. Data Manager position for school will be posted soon.
 - g. Enrollment numbers – 34 eighth graders graduating, strong K4 & K5 applicant group. 399 applicants total - although not all students will be offered positions... currently looking at Choice ratios, etc.
 - h. There are a five applicants for the Wisconsin Choice program. This is the first year we are participating.
 - i. Archdiocesan visit took place for Exemplary Award – Educating the Whole Child. The committee that visited was extremely impressed with their day and what they saw based on initial feedback. We will find out the results in the next month or so. The agenda for the day was shared, which included a thorough walking tour of the school, highlighting first-hand evidence of criteria the visiting team wished to learn about.
 - j. Mission & Vision Statement documents were passed out to SC members.
3. Dialogue & work groups
 - a. Policy Manual – in a good place. Admissions information was updated and the format of the entire manual was revised and re-ordered. Next step is to revisit behavior and discipline policies and add any items that have come up in the last year or two. The entire SAC will have another look at the manual next month and the plan is to have it published for the summer.
 - b. Playground Committee – committee is in place and has met twice, a survey will go out to current students about top needs and hopes for a playground. Moving forward in a positive direction...

- c. SC recruitment – surfaced specific areas of expertise in order to explain the areas that we need to fill (Finance, Catholic Identity, Safety, etc.) We will begin to recruit 2-3 new members for next year.
- d. Appears to be a budget surplus of about \$15,000 at the end of the school year. Next year's budget is being finalized. Archdiocese reviewed financial practices and had high praises for St. Sebastian. The fiscal review and reports offered by the parish are clear and organized efficiently. The committee is thankful for the work of parish finance staff.
- e. Pastoral Council Liaison report – Spring Into Service on May 12th is being marketed. Strategic planning launch on June 3rd 9-10:30 to encourage working together among committees. One hope is that some further connection to Teosinte will result.