

## School Advisory Committee Minutes - September 20, 2017

**Committee Members present** - Heather Grams, Kevin Mullen, Anne Novotny, Maria Melendes, Cheryl Warner, Lisa Metz, Melissa Karls, Lori Golomski, Lori Larch

**Also present** – Carole Poth, Michelle Hansen

**Absent** - Sha’Nese Jones

Prayer - led Anne Novotny

1. Approval of August’s minutes
2. Carole Poth—update on wall repair/replace:

Engineers have inspected walls and there are mixed reports about how long current brace and future repair work could last. More investigation needs to be done and ultimately in need of someone to complete the work. Finance Council meeting tonight will take up the issue and make financial decisions. Work could begin as early as this Fall. Walls in question are on the North/Gym side and on the 55<sup>th</sup> St. side.

Conversation continued about what an appropriate level of communication and collaboration is with School personnel and parish at large. School Committee will stay connected and help facilitate conversation with families once a decision is made about the work to be done.

All agreed this is critical, urgent and should remain a top priority for the safety of all.

3. Introduction of Pastoral Council Liaison, Lori Larch

Lori shared a draft of the Strategic Plan and pointed out there are overall goals to grow the parish and the school. Committee members will look over the plan and add to the agenda for the October meeting.

Note: School has their own strategic plan in place, the Parish plan focuses on the school and how it relates to the community as a whole.

4. Principal’s Report

- Current #s – 331 students. K4-30, K5-34, 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – 267, Choice is 213/331 = 64% of population. We are currently at our Choice cap.
- Drop In Day had a 97% attendance rate, only 7 families did not attend
- All Parent Meeting & Classroom Orientations – 68% attendance rate... In current discussions with teachers about how to revise this event to make it most efficient.
- Will put feelers out for a teacher representative on School Committee

- Revisit, reread, rewrite probationary policy – current policy is 2 years old, some needs for updates and communication. Every student is on probation for the first year.
- Parent Handbook—update—rewrite? Lori Golomski will send Cheryl administration/staff edits of the current handbook. Cheryl will send out info to create a sub-committee to revise and update current handbook... this will ideally be in place before January registration time.
- Administration staffing—tabled for a later meeting