



## School Advisory Council

August 4, 2021

**Attendees:** Ms. Andrea Keough, Ms. Julie Malone, Ms. Liz Wilson, Ms. Alicia Thompson, Ms. Debby Dover, Ms. Ashley Edwards, Mr. Edward Paulovich, Ms. Kristen Calvani, Ms. Jen Sweere, Ms. McKenna Anderson, Ms. Sandy Shook, Mr. Travis Flanigan, Father Gregory, Principal Debbie Brook

1. Call to order – John Gormley
2. Opening prayer – Father Gregory
3. Introductions for Ms. Brook
4. Review of minutes
  - a. Motion to approve – Liz Wilson
  - b. Seconded – Sandy Shook
5. Principal update
  - a. COVID
    - i. No cohorts, no mask, no immunization required for start of school
    - ii. Healthy visitors welcome back in the school
    - iii. Sick kids must stay home
    - iv. Cleaning practices adopted last year will continue; air purifiers installed
  - b. Enrollment
    - i. 43 preschool and pre-k kids
    - ii. 168 K-8 students
  - c. Teachers
    - i. New 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher from Franciscan
    - ii. New art teacher
    - iii. Speech/debate and Latin to be taught by Jenni Helgoth
    - iv. Still looking for Middle School language arts teacher
  - d. Transition to classical
    - i. Approved for EANS grant; approximately \$107,000

- ii. Ordered new Latin curriculum; more focus on understanding the language
    - iii. Transitioning to classical Singapore math curriculum for K, 5-8; need to get in-house training
    - iv. Orton-Gillingham language arts curriculum for K-2
  - e. Staff training
    - i. Institute for Catholic Liberal Education conference for the teachers
    - ii. Lynn Lang will train on Restoration Matters; Virtue-Based restorative discipline (VRBD); highly dependent on parent involvement
  - f. Electives
    - i. Grades 4-8 have option for band or Spanish
    - ii. Band teacher will let students trial different instruments
  - g. Technology
    - i. No Fitbits, smart watches, Gizmos
    - ii. School communication switched to Flock Notes; a few glitches were overcome the first week
  - h. Looking to be part of Western Catholic Educational Association for future accreditation; coming on the 11<sup>th</sup>
- 6. Initiatives
  - a. Internal review for accreditation can be postponed until 2022
  - b. Bingo night
    - i. Might be time to order cards, supplies, etc.
    - ii. First Bingo night will coincide with Knights Spaghetti Dinner
    - iii. May or may not have enough people currently licensed to run Bingo night; can have up to 5 licensed people
    - iv. Not sure about tax reporting
    - v. May need daily or yearly liquor license with a licensed bartender, or my follow Knights' work around
    - vi. Reach out to Women's Guild's new leader
    - vii. A survey to parents might be useful to gauge interest in Bingo night
  - c. Community-building activity ideas

- i. Ice cream after Mass
  - ii. Outdoor movie night
  - iii. Trunk-or-Treat on October 29
- 7. New cafeteria project
  - a. Completion is soon, waiting on fire door
  - b. Issue with electrical lighting; lights won't shut off automatically
- 8. Other issues
  - a. Saint Gabriel is building a new school to open with just preschool in 2022-2023
  - b. HSA wants to purchase new tables for the cafeteria but the cost is too high
    - i. Round tables are falling apart
    - ii. Current tables may scratch the new floor
    - iii. Doug may be able to replace wheels and legs for the existing tables
    - iv. Plan to buy half new tables and use half existing tables
  - c. Need to revisit our strategic plan for expansion if the new school may diminish our enrollment
  - d. Father Gregory will have some new budgetary direction for us at the next meeting
- 9. Closing Prayer

**Next meeting:** September 8, 5:00 pm

*St. Peter Catholic School, following the example of Jesus Christ, challenges all students to:*

*Grow in their Catholic faith    Achieve academic excellence    Demonstrate compassion for others    Exercise personal integrity*