



## School Advisory Council

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Attendees:** Ms. Sandy Shook, Ms. Debby Dover, Mr. Ed Paulovich, Principal Debbie Brook, Ms. Liz Wilson, Ms. Jen Sweere, Ms. Julie Malone, Ms. Ashley Edwards, Ms. Kristen Calvani, Ms. McKenna Anderson, Ms. Karen Kosiarek, Ms. Tina Hall, Mr. Mike Heredia, Mr. Ken Stone, Ms. Andrea Keough

1. Call to order – Ms. Kristen Calvani
2. Opening prayer
3. Review of October minutes
  - a. Motion to approve – Ms. Kristen Calvani
  - b. Seconded – Mr. Ed Paulovich
4. Principal update
  - a. COVID cases are slowing down
    - i. Doug sanitizes Monday-Thursday; teachers sanitize desks daily
    - ii. Working to maintain 3 ft. social distancing
    - iii. Acrimony over policy has subsided
    - iv. Working on plan for Christmas program COVID safety
  - b. EANS grant funds almost all in
  - c. Singapore Math was sitting on a container ship waiting to be unloaded for over a month; all workbooks and textbooks have now arrived
  - d. Father found a school bus in Oklahoma and drove it back this past week
    - i. The school bus was blessed today; bus is ready to go for field trips
    - ii. Bus is a 2019 model with about 30,000 miles on it
  - e. Scholarship program is moving forward; Finance Council will meet tonight to discuss
5. SAC by-laws reviewed by Ms. Karen Kosiarek
  - a. Two main changes
    - i. Responsibilities of the council members should be added

- ii. Membership states 5 to 9 voting members; do we need to designate which members are voting members and which are not to meet this criterion?
  - b. Plan to use accreditation requirements from WCEA to develop strategic plan and committee designations
  - c. HOMEWORK: review the by-laws before next meeting
- 6. Scholarship program - Ms. Debby Dover, Ms. Sandy Shook, and Mr. Ed Paulovich
  - a. Various individual scholarship funds were combined into one account to be invested; estimated funds to disburse are \$5000/year or about 5% interest on the total investment fund
  - b. Three possible types of scholarships
    - i. Merit-based: student will fill out the application to apply for funds based on GPA, service, activities, etc.
    - ii. Needs-based: parent will fill out the application to apply for varying amounts based on need for uniforms, school supplies, etc.
    - iii. Continuing Catholic Education: funds would follow the student as they further their Catholic Education at St. Mary's, etc.
    - iv. Returning God's Gifts in the Diocese Financial Aid; a separate pot of money that is distributed throughout the Diocese each year
      - 1. Reportedly \$600,000 of foundation funds were not used last year
      - 2. Our share of the funds is being used for the school counselor
      - 3. Parish uses their share for youth group
- 7. Open House – Ms. Liz Wilson
  - a. Plan is to return to business as usual
    - i. Scheduled for Sunday, January 30 after Mass; shorten time down to 1 hour
    - ii. Success of the open house is not crucial for full enrollment
  - b. Parent and student ambassadors are needed to do tours
    - i. Need students who aren't too shy to lead tours and answer questions
    - ii. Need 3-4 preschool parents to be designated for preschool classrooms; can be current or past preschool parents
  - c. May want to establish a designated shadow day and kindergarten round-up day
- 8. Other topics?
  - a. El Paso County Health Dept. had a meeting earlier today; we follow their guidelines
    - i. Proposed agenda item to discuss mandating vaccines for El Paso residents

ii. If another mandate is put in effect, would Diocese break away at some point?

9. Closing prayer

**Next meeting:** December 1<sup>st</sup> - 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*