



## School Advisory Council

October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Attendees:** Mr. John Gormley, Ms. Jen Sweere, Ms. Julie Malone, Mr. Edward Paulovich, Ms. Debby Dover, Ms. Ashley Edwards, Ms. Kristen Calvani, Ms. McKenna Anderson, Ms. Sandy Shook, Ms. Karen Kosiarek, Principal Debbie Brook, Father Gregory, Ms. Liz Wilson, Ms. Tina Hill

1. Call to order – John Gormley
2. Opening prayer – Father Gregory
3. Review of September minutes
  - a. Motion to approve – Mr. Ed Paulovich
  - b. Seconded – Ms. Debby Dover
4. Principal update
  - a. COVID cases in the school are up to 14 in the past month
    - i. Started the school year with optional masks, no cohorts
      1. First case was in 7<sup>th</sup> grade; required quarantine unless students were always masked before/after exposure or vaccinated
      2. A few more cases in 1<sup>st</sup> grade; whole class quarantined since the teacher had COVID
    - ii. Doug sprays cleaning solution Monday through Thursday; air purifiers in each classroom; just need to quarantine students that are in close proximity with COVID positive student
    - iii. Currently following county guidelines, not trying to appease either side
    - iv. Should there be updates to the handbook or school policy regarding COVID?
    - v. Continue to follow Diocesan policy
  - b. EANS grant funds coming in slowly
  - c. Singapore Math was sitting on a container ship waiting to be unloaded for over a month; will arrive this week
  - d. Father is searching for a school bus
    - i. Having to expand the search to nationwide for a 46-48 passenger bus

- ii. If the bus is older than 12 years at purchase, we won't be able to complete registration
  - iii. Thomas, Bluebird, and Lion are possible manufacturers; Lion is the most inexpensive option at present, but is an unknown brand
- 5. St. Peter school scholarship program
  - a. Funds available in some parish endowments; some is designated for scholarships
  - b. How would the school use a scholarship fund? Intent is to use some of these funds
  - c. According to Father, there are some funds sitting that haven't been used for intended uses; close to \$100,000 in the endowment
    - i. 5% every year could be given to the school for dedicated scholarships
    - ii. Merit-based or needs-based awards?
  - d. Need a small committee to create criteria on which to win the scholarship
- 6. SAC by-laws
  - a. Last update was in 2015
  - b. Need a small committee to review by-laws
    - i. Ms. Karen Kosiarek to head this up
- 7. COVID protocols discussion
  - a. Originally planned to send a survey out to parents to gauge feelings about school's policy, but perhaps that isn't necessary after emails already received
  - b. Policy will remain top-down; won't be parent-directed
  - c. Possibility of hiring an aide to handle online instruction for quarantined students
- 8. Other topics?
  - a. Parent/teacher conferences will be virtual or in-person depending on preference
  - b. Education on COVID prevention strategies from a local doctor
- 9. Closing prayer – Father Gregory

**Next meeting:** November 10<sup>th</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*