



School Advisory Council (SAC) - St. Peter Catholic School

February 8, 2023

5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

Location:


Lecture Hall and Virtual

Agenda:

1. Call to order (Mr. Gormley)
2. Opening Prayer (Fr. Gregory)
3. Approval of Minutes (Mrs. Kosiarek)
 - a. Tess Bussa moved to approve the minutes from the 1/18/2022 meeting. Tatiana O'Hanlon seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.
4. Pastor's Update (Fr. Gregory)
 - a. Meitler Study in progress. All schools in diocese participating. Bishop asked pastors for input by July 1 of how to structure the diocesan schools (based on coming results of study). Discussion of potential combined middle school. Options for diocesan high school being discussed.
 - b. Finance Council provided input about concerns over continual capital campaigns and weariness of the parishioners. Want to hold off any major expansions or improvements. HVAC improvements going forward.
5. Principal's Update (Mrs. Brook)
 - a. Updated Finance Council on budget. Enrollment is open; some big families are moving away but new enrollments are continuing.

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- b. Class limit has historically been 24. One class is at 24 and another is at 23 (maybe soon to be 24). Based on current demand, one class size could go up to 28 next year. Discussion of potential implications of a large class size or multiple classes in the same grade or having a grade split. Mrs. Brook understands that St. Gabriel is likely full for next year already (they will have a brand-new building). Mrs. Brook will continue working on options based on fire code, specials, teachers, etc.
 - c. Catholic Schools Week was a successfully school spirit building week.
 - d. Gala is this Friday 2/10. Funds from Gala may be used for an electric gate for fences around playground.
 - e. Iowa Testing starting next week.
 - f. Science Fair and Parent-Teacher Conferences next week.
 - g. Accreditation process is underway. Parent survey is still open, needing ~30% of families to respond (only half way there). Teachers are engaged in providing information. More is to come.
6. SPCS Scholarship Update (Mrs. Dover)
- a. Applications are due March 3; see website for details. Merit and financial-based options are available. Criteria and guidelines have been streamlined. Last year \$11k was awarded. Tax returns are not required.
7. Universal Pre-K/Preschool (Mrs. Malone)
- a. The schools in the diocese will not be applying for the program due primarily to gender ideology. Mrs. Whalen send a letter to parents in diocese and is also talking to governor's office about an exemption. There have been very few questions or comments from the SPCS preschool community.
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Universal Preschool
Letter to Parents.pdf
- b.
8. Closing Prayer (Mr. Gormley)

Attendees

Fr. Gregory, Pastor

Debbie Brook, Principal

Alicia Thompson

Debbie Dover

Ed Paulovich (virtual)

Jenni Helgoth

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John Gormley, Chair
Julie Malone
Karen Kosiarek, Secretary (virtual)
Maxine Biggs

McKenna Anderson (virtual)
Stew Hammons, Vice Chair
Tatiana O'Hanlon
Tess Bussa

Next meeting:

March 8th, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall

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