



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

April 4, 2023

5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

Location:

Virtual Only

Agenda:

1. Call to Order (Mr. Gormley)
2. Opening Prayer (Mr. Gormley)
3. Approval of Minutes (Mrs. Kosiarek)
 - a. Edits were requested via prior emails to the draft 3/22/23 minutes to correctly identify participants in the meeting. Those edits were made to the minutes.
 - b. Mrs. Brook requested an edit in the 3/15/23 minutes clarifying that scholarship funds are available not just through the diocese but through the Ace and Schmitz scholarship funds. Those edits were made to the minutes.
 - c. Mrs. Bussa moved to approve the minutes with the edits noted above. Mrs. Biggs seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.
4. Principal Update (Mrs. Brook)
 - a. The diocese is recommending a new standardized test similar to the Iowa Basics but which uses a benchmark population of other classical schools. It is being offered for free this year as a trial. The 3rd – 6th graders will take the test the first week of May as a trial to assess switching from Iowa Basics to the classical standardized test.

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- b. Thursday (Holy Thursday) will be a retreat-based half-day for the students. No school on Good Friday.
- c. The 8th Grade trip to Washington, D.C., is the week of April 17. Mr. Sheehan (History) will lead and many parent chaperones will attend.
- d. Meitler team will visit SPCS on April 11 and meet with Fr, Gregory, Mrs. Brook and some teachers.
- e. The scholarship deadline for applications is April 15.
- f. 8th Grade Graduation is May 19. Baccalaureate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral is the evening of May 18.
- g. Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast will be May 19 at 8:15 am.

5. Teacher Aides for 2023/23 (Mrs. Brook)

- a. Latest enrollment in grades that are approaching larger sizes.

Incoming Grade	Enrolled Students
Kinder	23
2 nd Grade	24
5 th Grade	23

- b. When K-2nd grade reaches 18 students, there will be an aide (8am-1pm) for Math and Language Arts. For 3rd – 5th, at 20 students there will be an aide (9:30am-1:30pm). The interventionist will still be available and working with small groups and individuals.
- c. For this year, to help with 4th grade Math, the current student teacher is being hired as an aide for the remainder of the year. Mr. Kelsey is an aide for the 7th and 8th grade Math based on availability.
- d. SPCS will have a Middle School interventionist in 2023-24.
- e. The budget has been updated and submitted to the parish.
- f. If more students register over the summer (>24 or >25 with a new sibling situation [the present year only]), a waitlist will be created. The Handbook will be updated to reflect the waitlist concept.

6. School Safety (All)

- a. In the wake of the recent school violence towards a Christian school, there is concern for enhanced safety. The school currently has a number of preventative measures but are considering more.

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- b. Teachers/staff will receive active shooter training in May.
- c. Recommendation to reach out to the parish law enforcement and military community for brainstorming (threat assessment and security upgrades) and as volunteer School Resource Officers. Mrs. Brook will ask Fr. Gregory for suggestions of parishioners. Need a long-term and sustained solution. The Monument Police has made some suggestions; we should have a comprehensive solution.

7. Closing Prayer

(Mr. Gormley)

sAttendees

Debbie Brook, Principal

Jenni Helgoth

John Gormley, Chair

Julie Malone

Karen Kosiarek, Secretary

Maxine Biggs

McKenna Anderson

Stew Hammons, Vice Chair

Tess Bussa

Next meeting:

May 10th 2023 @ 5:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall

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