



School Advisory Council

Dec 4, 2024

Minutes

Call to Order: Mr. Hammons called the meeting to order at 5:02pm

Opening Prayer: Fr. Gregory

Minutes: Approved Nov 13, 2024, minutes

Introduction from Thomas Major President/Principal of Mary's High School

- Leading the way program starts next year
- St Peter does a great job preparing students for high school
- Provided brochures and opened for questions of the committee
- Based on his experience (36 years), the nature of the family has changed, demographics specifically. Transition is different when you don't have an older sibling to learn from.
- 100% of GPA is earned in their first year.
- College counselors on campus, based on desires and interests
- Enrollment is now going up, the first time since covid
- Highlighted the SAT scores being high, gains in reading and math
- Historically they talked about moving their school, but that is not happening until they see a significant increase in enrollment

Q & A with Fr. Gregory

- Thankful for the dedication of the committee and parents
- Asked us to spread the news about the Gala, and help gain more awareness

Principal Report:

- Enrollment numbers: PreK 47, K-8th 173 = 220 total
- Student Council had their first pep rally on Nov 15th
- The 2nd installment of K-4 Science Club Magical Mixtures is underway
- 7/8th grade Basketball has begun
- Holiday Boutique was very successful
- Teachers and Staff are working on describing an 8th grade graduate and St Peter's Top Ten list and "Wow"

- Social Media advertising took place on Facebook from 11/18-11/30 for Discover Catholic Schools Week
- Discussed Middle School not turning in assignments on time, plan in place per staff

Marketing/Development sub-committee: Mrs. Hutchison Tabled until next meeting

Security/Safety sub-committee: Mrs. Jojola Tabled until next meeting

Volunteer Sub-committee: Mrs. Torris

- Provided handout for SAC review (attached to minutes).
- Feedback from volunteer survey
- Recommendations approved: Start volunteering events via paper sent home while simultaneously getting an application up and running for review.

Academic sub-committee: Mr. Shamash

- Provided handout for SAC review (attached to minutes).
- Highlighting the requirements for local college requirements
- Foreign language per local high schools
- Concerns about whether to have elective foreign language & STEM worked into the curriculum vs. club based on teacher and aid resources.
- Fr. Gregory input about the availability of hiring a 2-day elective teacher (Spanish vs. STEM etc)
- Recommendations approved: Introduce basic technology/typing lessons starting 3-5 grades

Next meeting suggested agenda: Mr. Hammons

- Sub-committee review/update: Facility/Safety, Marketing/Strategy, Finance

Closing Prayer: Mrs. Shannahan

Attendance: Andrea Keough, Ann-Marie Jojola, Brooke Mandrill, Charles Bies, Chelsea Kilday, Cheree Hutchison, Father Gregory, Jayme Oakley, Jessie Sullivan, Jon Thorpe, JP O’Hanlon, Karen Shannahan, Katie Torris, Kyle Goodroe, Maxine Biggs, Micah Shamash, Stew Hammons

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Jan 8, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Mission Statement:

The mission of St. Peter Catholic School is to partner with parents who are the first and primary educators of their children. Our challenging classical curriculum encourages students to achieve academic excellence and grow in their Catholic faith through virtue and Truth. We strive to form future leaders and disciples who demonstrate integrity, compassion, and respect to all.

Vision Statement:

St. Peter Catholic School forms the whole child through a Christ-centered, integrated Catholic classical education based on Truth and virtue. Our faith community equips students to become leaders in the Church and world, with salvation as the ultimate purpose.