

Agenda - April 13, 2022

In Attendance:

Mike Kendrick, Cathy Avecilla, Becky Dufern, Brian Falato, Abbie Gutzmer, Emily Hill, Elizabeth Berger, Christy Horn, Melissa Finn

Virtually Attending: Michelle Goreham, Jim Kestler

General Session

Opening Prayer - Fr. Ed / Fr. Ryan (if available)

Approval of minutes - 3/9/22 meeting – Abbie Moved to approve – Elizabeth Seconded

Principal/School Update - Principal Kendrick

- Getting ready for lots of events in the Spring: First Communion, Graduation, the last iReady/Aspire test
- Tuesday, May 3 is St. James Feast Day so All School Mass will be on Tuesday that week
- Registration for next year is above where we were this time last year and continuing to grow
  - Kindergarten may get a 4<sup>th</sup> section; however, that is dependent on Archdiocese approval
  - Retention is really high overall
- Great Teacher institute day yesterday with In2Great: an organization that helps teachers to identify social/emotional needs vs. simple behavior issues. This group will partner with the school and work to offer students services and supports that can happen at the school eliminating the need to travel off site in some cases
- New Parish marketing employee has started and new director of development

SJS Marketing Update - Melissa Finn / Principal Kendrick

- Website – planning to go live next week!
  - We were able to see the template of the site and it looks amazing! Very fast and user friendly
  - Possible new registration process for athletics but that is still in the works and will be determined later
  - All the photo libraries will be uploaded to the new website – but that will be in phase 2 as we want to launch ASAP

FSA Update - Becky Dufern

- LNO was a Big success – the chairs worked so well together and the event had a Net Profit of \$48K
  - The Council discussed pros and cons of LNO – some people missed the assigned tables and felt that there was a lack of entertainment at the event
- We Need to add a golf outing or Men's event
- Jubilation may need a revamp – Is there a way to bring some of the money back to the school. We could use that to offset operating costs or supplement teacher salaries

- Principal Kendrick will try to schedule a mtg with Father Ed, the Jubilation chair and whomever would like to attend to try to discuss Jubilation and look at what our long term fundraising goals are
- Easter Egg Hunt this weekend
- Bulldog Corner has to go to a vote at the FSA mtg bc we need to dedicate funds from the budget
- Basketball hoops for the parking lot will also need to go to a vote – that email will be coming out this week
- Mother/Son Event coming up – registration is live
- Christmas Ornaments for the Heart of the School and Christian Spirit winners
- The Last Lap – High School Seniors can come back and take a lap around the school and see their teachers. There will be a small reception for the high school seniors and the teachers
- Heart of Gold Winner: Mr. Bilski – banquet at Rolling Green
- We need to organize a farewell for Father Ryan before June 1 – possibly at school mass on May 26
- Still working on 8<sup>th</sup> grade Honor Wall

#### Finance Update - Christy Horn

- Moving to quarterly meetings

#### Athletic Update - Christy Horn

- Dodgeball and Donuts
- Hoping to have fall registration before the end of the school year

#### Topics from General Attendees

#### Executive Session

##### Communication

- Website redesign launch
  - Will there be athletic sign ups for the entire year on the new website?
  - Possible new registration process for athletics but that is still in the works and will be determined later
  - All the photo libraries will be uploaded to the new website – but that will be in phase 2 as we want to launch what we can

#### Sponsorship

Has the new Parish Employee started or is there an ETA?

- In the interim, can we try to be aware of who/when we are asking for money? (The Jubilation donation request letter came in the mail the week of LNO!)

#### School Council Applications

- Lots of applications for council
- Still need someone to step into Chairperson and Secretary

#### STEAM lab

- Working with the donor for funds – plan is in place for the space and equipment
- K-8 curriculum will be in place so that students will have a STEAM class and projects – will replace the tech special
  - Coding, 3-d printer

Novels being read in school. *When are they updated? How are they selected? Are there other choices?*

- 6th grade in particular VERY DATED books
  - Principal Kendrick explained that all the school curriculum is being revamped and this is a piece of the puzzle that will definitely be explored
- Mr. Kendrick is going to follow up on a particular book being read aloud in class

Advanced Math program details.

- We are developing our own Advanced Math program at SJS so that students do not need to travel to Viator or miss any class time at SJS.
  - Eventually all of our top track students will take geometry in 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be based on tracking – parents can ask for additional testing if they feel their student should qualify
- The benefit of the Viator program is that students can get high school credit at Viator

Grading Scale change?

- Staff is still having conversations about grades and what grades mean
- Conversations about rigor

Meeting Adjourned 9:20pm