

MINUTES:

School Advisory Board Meeting, September 24, 2018 7:00 PM Library

In attendance: Joan Sullivan, Principal, Fr. Tim Harrison, John Camozzi, Andrew deBernardo, Rich Eaton, Betsy Farrell

Prayer

Pastor's Report: Fr. Tim addressed the crisis in the church over the sexual assault reports that recently came out of Pennsylvania, noting that this is not just a Boston or US issue, but a global problem. Safety plans have been implemented across many dioceses but there is much more work to do in the universal church. Our collaborative is working on having a speaker address parishioners.

Principal's Report:

End of school year 2018: A large donation for technology allowed for the purchase of 70 Chromebooks as well as the hiring of a technology professional who has begun an assessment of current systems and the building. Has already implemented upgrades to the technology infrastructure.

Summer achievements

Summer school work designed for school opening, skill improvement; online learning and also each student prepared for a presentation for the start of school
Cleaning company: a new cleaning company has been contracted to specifically focus on bathrooms and classroom; there is a specific schedule for floor maintenance helping to preserve the building.
Air Exchange – installed in the Pre-K classroom will improve air quality
Website: upgraded to be mobile friendly, improved search capabilities, and security
RenWeb – SIS: new report card system; migration fee paid for by the archdiocese
Renovation: abatement of third floor complete; lighting and floors replaced/refurbished on third floor.
New hires – in social studies, 2nd grade, 3rd grade as well as gym teacher/PT classroom aid and KG aid; three characteristics sought for new hires: ability to connect, teaching skill, IC is first choice

School opening

Enrollment: flat to last year (252)
Exiting students: 11 + 26 graduates; reasons include SPED (3); financial (2); moved (2); programming (3); New students (39); there is currently a wait list - Gr 7: 5 students; some discussion was held regarding increasing enrollment for grades with long wait lists.
New staff members in Grades 2, 3, Social Studies, Gym, K instructional aide
Professional development: teachers participated in various programs including Special Education, Learning Styles, and Technology

Improving academic experience this year:

Technology: new Tech Coordinator, Devices, and upgraded infrastructure (all thanks to donation).
Subscriptions - new online learning and online teacher resources

Materials: student workbooks

Instructional strategies are being looked at including SPED accommodations and Google classrooms (sharing information, study guides, etc.)

Improving student experience

Lunch and recess: recess is now twice as long (20 minutes); twice as many children are in the Café at lunchtime; students in upper grades are allowed to sit with friends outside of specific classes improving community.

Retreats for Gr 7 and Gr 8 are held by Fr. Morin who will also participate in religion classes.

Marketing - Admissions

Advertising focus on developing role models (older kids make great role models)

Open House schedule: one each of the next few months; advertised in *The Pilot*

Social Media – Eventually Tech Coordinator will oversee all social media

High School Night was a great success; 34 schools and 4 Athletic Directors attended

Display in Lobby: NPE information and flat screen with slideshow

Fundraising:

Fun Run coming up; currently \$1200 short of \$20K goal

North Pole Express: Tech Coordinator will have a positive impact on the event with a new ticket sale company; online resource for volunteer sign-ups..

Auction: will be held in the spring

Parent Open House was held and was a great success and positively received.

Proposed Meeting Dates:

November 5

December 17

February 4

March 18

May 6

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Farrell