**St. Pius X School Commission Meeting**

**Minutes of January 9, 2023**

**Present**: Dottie Farewell, Ana Montoya, Amy Kunkel, Anna Kaminski, Rosa Elena Luna, Careylin Griffin, Rohit Mojumder, Michael Mainor, Juan Garcia, Amanuel Fesehaye. Kristin Moore and John Sullivan- guests from the Office for Catholic Schools Team.

**Absent:** Fr. Cal Christiansen –away for studies, Stephanie Janik.

1. **Opening Prayer –** Careylin Griffin
2. **Minutes –** November 28, 2022 meeting minutes**:** motion to approve minutes**-** Careylin Griffin, motion seconded**-** Rohit Mojumder, majority voted yes; motion approved.
3. **Principal’s Report**
   1. **Fundraising updates**

Annual fund dinner: currently at ~$32k (not including $5k match); puts us close to our

2nd goal of $40k to receive an additional $10k.

International dinner: moving from May to March 4th. Will charge for the event. Potluck

food, outside dancers. Will invite parish. Unsure about raffle this year.

Auction: April 29th, planning underway by auction chair Jamie Malijan-Soul and team.

* 1. **Catholic schools’ week**

Starts January 29th with open house, runs through February 4th.

School commission to host open house after 11am English Mass. Will ask parent

ambassadors at their next meeting if they can host after 1pm Spanish Mass.

Need a commission and staff member to hand out candy after Mass (5:30pm Saturday, 9:00 and 11:00am Sunday). ?Parent ambassadors to hand out after 1:00pm Mass. Mrs.

Farewell will hand out along with a school parent after 6:00pm Mass.

Parent, teacher, and student appreciation days, vocations day, multicultural day, math

night, and spelling bee during the week.

Looking for a guest speaker for the school assembly to talk about how Catholic education impacted their life, or a motivational speaker. Consider an alum. Please share

ideas with Mrs. Farewell.

Kristin Moore extended an invitation to the first Catholic schools night in the archdiocese, during Catholic schools week- February 1st at the Climate Pledge arena. All Catholic schools are invited, cost of $15. Seattle U game, with games during half-time. Giving away prizes, t-shirts, cash for the classrooms. Wear spirit gear. Kristin will send flyer to Mrs. Brown.

* 1. **Centers of expertise pilot program**

Program that has come from the Archdiocesan School Board.

Idea is to uncover the talent in our archdiocese and collaborate/share it to make our

schools better.

Purpose is to assist individual schools with targeted support in two critical areas

(identified by school leaders in their self-assessment), by bringing in expert resources.

St Pius X is one of two pilot schools. Pilot time period is six months- currently in needs assessment/plant development phase, then plan rollout in spring, and impact assessment/outcome review in summer. Would like feedback from us on what did/did

not work.

Team assisting consists of a member of the Archdiocesan School Board, at least

one member of the Centers of Expertise, and a subject matter expert.

Centers of expertise has asked us to help them build their pool of experts. According to self-evaluations from all our principals, the two areas in most need are finance (budget, teacher comp and recruiting, fundraising) and marketing (social media/web design, enrollment, communication). But also academics (curriculum), and Catholic identity (incorporating into school culture).

Rohit commented that when we get this external help and have each area of support sub-divided into specific elements, those could be used to offer particular volunteer opportunities to parents.

Keep occupation question open in our new enrollment form for us to know the expertise in our school community.

1. **President’s report**
   1. **Parent ambassadors sale**

After 1pm Mass December 18th, parents and their children in school uniform sold hot drinks, pastries, chips, candy. Successful.

1. **Old business**

Tuition schedule: stair-stepping, starting at 7% for one child. Even after stair-stepping, the larger

the family, the less each additional child costs.

Still ahead on budget

1. **New business**

Inquiries for before/afterschool care for PS, possible now that we are licensed. Would need to

hire, but the hourly rate would bring in revenue.

Dan Dematte may be a speaker at the parish Lenten mission. He is also willing to give a talk to the school. The commission agreed it would be good idea, thought it best to have one talk for the younger kids and one for the older. Rosa will send more details to Mrs. Farewell if approved

by the parish.

The school has been asked in the past to host a lent soup supper- will consider it this year.

Summer camp- still waiting to hear about phase two of construction; no summer camp this year. Announce in newsletter.

1. **Closing prayer**

Ana Montoya

1. **Adjourn**

Next commission meeting 1/30/23; opening/closing prayer: Rosa Luna/Michael Mainor.