



2020-2021 St. Monica Catholic School Advisory Council

November 4, 2020

6:15 pm

Members present: Angie Trudell, Krisztina Shields, Fr Guadagnoli, Lesley Jordan, Claire Webb, Brian Jacot, Laura Banse, Shannon Wishin, Debbie Diaz, Toni Zuniga, Melinda Hartnett, Mike DePompeii

Members Attending virtually: Tracey Roden

Members Absent: Amanda Briones

Other Attendees: Sally Wengerski

Agenda

Opening Prayer – Fr Guadagnoli opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Minutes – Laura Banse presented the September meeting minutes. Melinda moved to approve; Toni seconded. Minutes approved

Business Report – Debbie Diaz and Toni Zuniga presented the 2020-2021 Budget Recast and September financials. Awaiting on financial guidance on accounting rules for PPE loan. Overall in a solid cash position despite lower enrollment and reduced extended day dues.

2021 – 2022 Preliminary Budget Overview:

The initial 2021-2022 budget was put forth for the purpose of determining tuition rates, motion approved to approve budget and any revisions to the budget would be presented in future if deemed necessary.

Angie is working with all the administration to ensure they understand the factors and plans for their individual budgets. Also stressing the need to manage budget and stay within budget.

Angie and Fr Guadagnoli will be communicating any changes in tuition jointly through a video.

Fr Guadagnoli recommended Finance committee evaluate current tithing level.

Brian made a motion to send preliminary budget to finance council; Mike seconded.



Pastor's Report

Monitoring mass attendance and have been able to accommodate social distancing with numbers in attendance. Parishioners are abiding by social distancing rules.

Planning Thanksgiving and Christmas mass schedule and seeing if can increase number of masses and overflow rooms to accommodate as many parishioners as possible that want to attend.

School masses are going well. It is a blessing in some ways as each school mass is able to concentrate on the one grade that is in attendance. Teachers have been very accommodating with mass schedules. Next plan is to work on confession schedules for students.

Parish contributions are down YOY

President's Report – Angie Trudell

COVID 19 Update:

1. Dallas County is at a red level. School plans to continue taking temperatures every morning and requiring completed health surveys. No on-campus student case or transmission to-date. Protocols are working but they are hard on everyone.
2. Have had adult cases occur off-campus. If an adult has been exposed, the parent is the close contact and the child is a contact of a contact. If the parent has COVID, the child is the close contact and must quarantine.
3. Have designated a COVID email address so parents can email with any questions/concerns. Email address will be directed to the five staff contact tracers.
4. School does have concerns about after school programs and sports and possible exposure at these events.

Admissions update:

1. 2 confirmed new students and 3 more possible enrolling.
2. Conducting Preview Days including virtual tours. Families are sent with a flash drive with tour loaded on it for later review.
3. 2021-2022 Admissions is open (new students); 24 applications submitted to-date; 18 additional applications submitted and are in progress



Re-enrollment timeline:

1. Early December will announce tuition rates.
2. Early January will release video of Angie/Fr on how early enrollment helps with planning purposes.
3. Enrollment opens January 6th.
4. Step-up (glimpse for students into next year's grade level) date planned for 2nd week of January.
5. Current student re-enrollment completes 1/31, sibling (new) enrollment will open and then new family enrollment begins.

Catholic Identity:

1. Focus has been getting students back to mass and next focus is on scheduling confession times for students in advance of Advent.
2. Planning underway for sacraments and dates for events.
3. Every grade level will participate in church Angel Program to assist families in need.
4. In continued effort to increase Catholic identity, visual presence of Advent on campus.

GAP Campaign Update:

1. Total GAP campaign level is \$240k; will have at least \$10k towards STEM initiatives
 - * Developing a grant money request for STEM funding and developing plans to implement curriculum

Principal's Report – Krisztina provided the following updates:

1. Mrs. Patterson (middle school math) left and Mrs. Newman moved from Digital Skills to Middle School math
2. Open Digital Skills/STEM position – candidate interviews underway
3. Down to 5.9% of students are still virtual.
4. Virtual student parent survey results are back – biggest issues – communication between teachers and parents, technical problems; issues with student log-in's. What is going well – the students feel connected to classroom and feel part of the school.
5. Informal survey with teachers – biggest issue – students that are virtual but student has indicated the reason isn't necessarily due to health concerns but for other convenience/sports issues. Fear for students are falling behind academically.
6. Spelling Bee still planned; joining a new Math League that brings additional challenge and allows students to go to competitions



7. Pre-register for Blue Ribbon accreditation; researching if eligible to apply
8. IOWA test scores will be distributed by mid-November
9. ELA and Math Honors designated on report card/transcripts

Preschool/After School Care Report: Lesley provided the following updates:

1. There is just one virtual learner left in preschool program.
2. Preschool Preview – 40 attendees. Weekly virtual tours for interested students. Considering hosting one more Preview Day.
3. Implemented teacher/aide conferences and wellness checks with all staff. Has been well received.
4. Conducted first Google platform training so teachers can transition to digital planning.

SAC Standing Committee Reports

1. All SAC committee reports were all submitted electronically before the meeting.
2. Claire as President of SAC is on the Endowment Committee. They would like to have Endowment Raffle to benefit the school. Kick-off is November 13.

Father Guadagnoli closed the meeting in prayer at 8:33.