



2021-2022 St. Monica Catholic School Advisory Council

May 4, 2022
6:00 pm

Members present: Angie Trudell, Fr Guadagnoli, Debbie Diaz, Lesley Jordan, Toni Zuniga, Melinda Hartnett, Tracey Roden, Mike DePompei, Michelle Delaurier, Joaquin Martinez, Brian Jacot, Shannon Wishin, Jack Neville

Additional attendees: Karen Smith, Sally Wengierski

Agenda

Opening Prayer – Fr. Guadagnoli opened with prayer.

Approval of Minutes

- Discussion of change to April minutes.
- With agreed upon change, Shannon moved to approved, Brian seconded. Minutes approved.

Father Guadagnoli – Pastor's Report

- We celebrated a beautiful First Communion.
- This is the last week for our seminarian – Parker Thompson. He is moving on to Guatemala and asks for continued prayers.

Business Report – Joaquin Martinez/Debbie Diaz/Sally Wengierski

- Budget – Sally
 - Enrollment is currently at 764 for next year.
 - We dropped tuition assistance from 175k to 150k because there was a donation that was already received so should not be included. Correction in 4114 as well.
 - Athletic fees – Well-defined budget, sport by sport. Nets out to \$0.
 - Cash subsidy from parish - \$150k. Still hoping to do more but that's what we can do currently. Historically has been \$250k.
 - Field trip - charge parents for those overnight field trips
 - Leased equipment – Chromebooks we've leased. Think \$145k will be reimbursed
 - Deficit – Hoping church will be able to give more and \$180k that EANS will help cover
 - School took over from PTO – Grandparents Day and Christmas Market
 - Joaquin moved to recommend budget to Finance Council – Joaquin; Jack 2nd
- March financial statements
 - Revenue - \$600k above what budgeted
 - \$235k from EANS



- Extended day higher, PTO gave donation, parish subsidized \$50k more
- Total expense
 - Over \$300k; \$138k is salary and benefits – higher market dynamics, police, stipends
- Endowment trust contribution - \$85,500 comes in April – was slightly more than usual
- Art show - \$5900

President's Report – Angie Trudell

- Admissions – where we stand currently
 - 3K – 1 opening and 1 application submitted
 - 4K – 5 openings and 2 applications submitted
 - DK – 3 openings and 1 application submitted but not completed; 1 other application due
 - K – Full at 80 students
 - 1st – 7 openings and 1 application submitted
 - 2nd – 3 openings and 2 applications submitted
 - 3rd – 9 openings and 1 submitted and 1 due
 - 4th – 3 openings
 - 5th – 16 openings and 1 application submitted
 - 6th – 4 openings and 1 application submitted, 1 due
 - 7th – 16 openings and 2 applications submitted
 - 8th – Full, WL of 2
 - 644 reenrolled – 119 new
- Advisory house survey
 - We do not want to give up the House system. Teachers are talking and finding ways to improve and make compromises.
 - A survey will go out to middle school parents next week
 - Cheryl Sanchez is working on a student survey
- We do not have results from OK survey yet
- Principal/Assistant Searches
 - Principal search
 - 1 strong candidate was in Dallas after having zoomed with teachers and administration previously
 - They are getting teacher feedback and checking references
 - Have 2 candidates in the 1st round if this candidate doesn't work out.
 - Assistant Principal search
 - Have another interview with a candidate on Friday
 - Thought they found the candidate but more applicants came in
 - They also had a principal candidate that they think would be a good Assistant Principal so are approaching the candidate about that possibility.
 - They expect both to be named before the end of the year



- Considering whether the new principal will play a role in selecting the second Assistant Principal
- Staffing
 - Currently, we have 59 teachers in total
 - 6 teachers officially resigned for various reasons – none are going to another catholic school, some are going to private schools, 2 are going to business jobs
 - We have already hired 2 new teachers for lower grades
 - Libby Hassell is retiring
- High school info
 - Scholarships
 - Ursuline – 1 scholarship for SMS - \$3k for 4 years; also lots of financial aid
 - Jesuit – 2 scholarships - \$6k for 4 years each; 1 accepted and 1 is going to charter school
 - BL – multiple scholarships, but still coordinating.
 - Ursuline tells people if you want to get in, go to SMS
 - Some movement on waitlists
 - JP II – 25 applications, 24 accepted, 1 denied; 9 declined acceptance; 8 enrolled, 7 haven't answered

Preschool Report – Lesley Jordan

- Moving classrooms is a go
 - 3k family center; 4k in McManus; DK in B-wing
- 2 staff retiring; losing 4K teacher – trying to move 3K teacher to 4K
- Admissions – Have potential applicants/students already for open spots
- Upcoming events
 - May 13 – pastries with parents
 - Book fair next week – nice that preschool is included!
 - Field Day – May 20 – families can join
- Future investments
 - Donor from Frog Street Press who will help them go to Frog Street Press conference this year in late July
 - Ideas for preschool – need to invest in our youngest bearcats. Want to make this a great experience for the families, this is where it starts.
- After school care – Looking at ways to make it better and more profitable. Almost half the school is in aftercare. Thinks more as parents going back into the office.
- Pre-K to kinder 97% - 1 DK heading to public school
 - 3 withdrew from 4K and 1 DK
 - 1 to MIS for catechesis of the Good Shepherd
 - Most reasons were out of our control

Accreditation - Karen Smith

- March 26-29
- Did a faculty meeting recently about how this will happen – this is a growth process, not here is what you are doing wrong. Bad taste from past cases. Want to focus on growth.



- All faculty have a voice in self-study process.
- Purpose – share our story, measurement of existing quality of school and opportunity for feedback for improvement
- Examine current educational practices, celebrate our strengths, opportunities for growth. This is a roadmap going forward.
- 5 domains
 - Catholic Identity
 - Governance, Administration, management
 - Curriculum, Instruction, assessment – largest
 - Student services & activities
 - Plant & Facilities
- Each domain has co-chairs and school members
 - Google form to ask what area they would be interested in serving.
- Self-study due to superintendent by Dec. 15.
- Team 7-9 members because we are large.
- She did St. Thomas accreditation in February.

Committee Reports

Teacher of the Month/Year

- Working on March & April teachers of the month
- There's a kiosk with teacher nominations near the greeter box in the Family Center
 - Need to find the key to open it
- May – Amy Brown is teacher of the year – took pictures and videos – done virtually

Nominating Committee

- Nominations
 - President – Shannon; VP – Jack
 - 3 3-year terms, 1-1 year term
 - 3- year term
 - Shawn Pingle
 - Jason Regas
 - Bobby Morgan
 - 1- year term
 - Mandy Olsen

Closing Prayer/Adjourn – Fr. Guadagnoli blessing