

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING February 13, 2024 7-8 pm

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Mission Statement: KNOW and celebrate our Catholic Faith. LOVE God and our neighbor. SERVE as disciples of Jesus Christ.

AGENDA

Welcome & Opening Prayer-Beth

Old Business

• Catholic Schools Week/Neon Dance

- Neon Dance: Great turn out. Kids had fun. Some older kids were there and helped out at the stations.
- CSW Field Trips: Teachers had good feedback about the field trips during Catholic Schools Week. Kids were well behaved and interacted nicely with one another
- o Mass of the Holy Spirit: Kid really enjoyed it. Parent chaperone mentioned that the mass was very interactive, and the kids were kept engaged for a longer mass.

• Feasibility Study Dates for Interviews

- o March 12th at 5pm
- o The following SAC members are available to attend:
 - Kari
 - John
 - Eric
 - Kaleb
 - Rebecca
 - Matt
 - Beth

New Business

• Introduce Jesse

 Jesse Brine is a new school staff member who is in charge of the Royal Times, leads the Home and School Association, and helps with other communication and website needs

• Discuss SAC/HSA/Admin Comparison Chart

- o SAC/HSA/Comparison chart reviewed and will be posted to the school website and added to the Handbook for next year
- o Will create SAC@saintvdp.org email address so parents are able to contact SAC

 Formal Grievance process to be created to address concerns/issues that families would like reviewed by administration that do not belong under the purview of either the HSA or SAC

• Admissions Update

- o Not looking to increase enrollment for 2024-2025 school year
- o Promoting a lower class size will be transitioning to a maximum of 26 students per classroom (classrooms currently larger than this size will not be cut down, but if students leave their spot will not be filled if the classroom is at max capacity)
- o 98.5% retention rate for K-8 (416/422 returning)

Archdiocese Tuition Review

- o SVDP falls right in average for tuition cost.
- We are the 6th largest K-8 Catholic school in the Archdiocese.

• Policy Statement on Inclusiveness

- Maggie presented a new policy statement that she'd like added to the Handbook.
 SAC members provided feedback and Maggie needs to revamp the statement to be tailored for SVDP. Will need to be reviewed in future meeting.
- Handbook-discuss pages 12-20 from the Handbook.
 - Hold for April Meeting.

• MNSAA Self-Study-Strategy 4

- Action Step 1 need to review on-boarding new SAC members.
- Action Step 2 HSA and SAC Meeting Minutes will be published on school website and a link to these will be placed in the Royal Times.
- Action Step 3 Handbook review will be divided up amongst SAC members for a first pass and then they'll bring notes and revisions to April meeting for further review and discussion.

Closing Prayer-Beth