

# St. Robert School Advisory Commission

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## Meeting Agenda

February 11, 2020

6:00 p.m., Room 207 of School

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Marguerite Hammes

### **Members present:**

Marguerite Hammes, SAC Committee Chair

Lauren Beckmann, Principal

Joe Cincotta, Policy Committee Chair

Dan Wycklendt, Budget and Finance Committee Chair

Jennifer Kloehn, Development Committee Chair

Kathlyn Fletcher, Engagement Committee Chair

Susan Sprenger, Education and Formation Committee Chair

Jake Hansen, Parish Council Liaison

Lara Hau, SAC Secretary

### Also present:

Chris Jacquardt

Katherine Murray

Barbara Henderson Ziebert

Bill Schleiss

### **Members not present:**

Father Ray

Kristi Felber, Marketing and Engagement Director

John Van Rooy, Environment/Buildings & Ground Committee Chair

Krystia Nora, Home & School Association Liaison

Carl Cahill, Marketing and Recruitment Committee Chair

Approval of the Minutes: January minutes approved for posting.

### **Arrowsmith Program Presentation**

*presented by Chris Jacquardt*

Mrs. Jacquardt explained how the Arrowsmith Program helped her daughter with her learning differences and outlined some options in how to bring the program to SRS as a partnership between her and the principal. The Arrowsmith Program is a cognitive enhancement program with the goal to strengthen the learner's ability to learn efficiently and independently. The goal is to address the root cause rather than the symptoms of a learning difference. Further discussion tabled for another SAC meeting.

**SNSP & Choice Task Force & Discussion**      *presented by Barb Henderson Ziebert, Jake Hansen, Katherine Murray, and Bill Schleiss*

The Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP) allows a student with a disability, who has an IEP and/or a services plan that is currently being implemented, to get a scholarship to attend a private school. The school receives \$12,723 for each student in the program. SRS became a participating school this year to serve 5 students requiring full-time aids. 7 current students with IEPs could apply next year.

The school determines how many seats they want in the program and those seats are awarded on a first come, first serve basis. The taskforce of 13 members began last year, with the goal to evaluate the possible expansion of St. Robert's SNSP for 2020-2021 and beyond, or a possible limited participation in CHOICE, which is also a voucher program. It is the taskforce's and the SAC's recommendation to pursue the SNSP expansion.

**Principal's Report**

*Lauren Beckmann*

1. WIFI access points – Vendor has traced and repaired most of the wires. The speed increase is from 30 to 50 Megabits. Reviewing whether we are still paying too much
2. Annual report went to the printer today. Plan to have it available for State of the School on Feb 27<sup>th</sup>
3. We've had 14 new admissions since open house: 11 are 4k, and three are 5k. This brings us to 18 for next year's 5k.

**Sub-Committee Reports**

- Education and Formation (Susan Sprenger) - Topic covered in SNSP discussion.
- Policy (Joe Cincotta) Discussion of health privacy issues and potential educational program on same
- Engagement (Kathlyn Fletcher) Good meetings are being had with various and more to come this week. A blurb for the newsletter and Facebook page is in works to inform and asking for volunteers for the committee.
- Marketing and Recruitment (Carl Cahill) – Carl not present.
- Development (Jennifer Kloehn) – The Annual Report will go out in the mail early March. Kristi will be making a pitch for annual fund at State of the School meeting

*Website Updates:* Changes made to the Alumni Section of the website, discussion of targeted mailings to younger alum and use of new software

- Environment/Building & Grounds (John Van Rooy)

John is working on a job description for the volunteer role for oversight of internet connectivity infrastructure and operations.

- Budget & Finance (Dan Wycklendt). The audit conducted for SNSP Choice program was a good initial run Findings are typical
- Home & School Liaison (Krystia Nora) - Krystia not present.

**Old Business:** School Security Thought needs to be given to creating a policy for parental notice & dismissal following safety threats.

Meeting Adjourned 9:04 pm. Complete minutes compiled by Lara Hau available in school office.