

St. Robert School Advisory Commission

Minutes from October 11th, 2023

Present:

Fr. Enrique Hernandez, Pastor
Lucas Stangler, Principal
Susan Sprenger, Vice Chair/Programs and Wellness Committee Chair
Ed Johns, Marketing Committee Chair
Dan Wycklendt, Budget and Finance Committee Chair
David Clark, Policy Chair
Portia Brown, Engagement Committee Chair
David Borowski, President, Athletic Board
Anne Jackson, Secretary
Sarah Hillenbrand, Home & School Association Liaison
Jacqueline Prater, New Member

Not Present:

Paul Sweeney, SAC Chair
Kevin Casper, Development Committee Chair
Scott Waggoner, Parish Representative

1. Call to Order at 6:04 PM (Susan Sprenger)
2. Prayer (Lucas Stangler)
3. Welcome and introduction of new SAC Member – Jacqueline Prater
4. Principal's Report (Lucas Stangler)

Enrollment:

Current enrollment is at 281 students 4K-8th.

Staffing:

Jen Oberg is resigning

Development and Advancement positions have been posted, considering the option of rolling the two together. This full time position will work for the Parish and the school which will be an important bridge between the two. Many applications have been received but we have yet to find the right fit.

5. New/Ongoing Business

Review Draft of SAC Overview for Distribution to Parent Community (Sprenger)
Should be included in Parish bulletin/newsletter and posted on school website.

Stem Lab (Stangler)

The project is still in an early stage. Conversations are needed with the donor to assure we are on the same page and meeting expectations. Need to identify a proper space which has access to water and electricity.

Status of Assistant Principal (Stangler)

Math Curriculum Consultant/Interventionist: (Sprenger)

A consultant to help with the implementation of the curriculum is a top priority. Two different math curriculums could require two consultants. Once implementation is solid, the next phase is an intervention specialist to help with small group work, etc.

Review of Historical Enrollment Chart (Wycklendt)

2018 – 285 students

2019 – 278 students

2020 – budgeted 260 ended 269 students

2021 – budgeted 248 ended 315 students

2022 – 317 students

2023 – budgeted 276 at 281 students

The lower grade levels are smaller and need to be boosted.

Options for Paddle Raise (Stangler)

K4/K5 power touch boards

Scholarship

Stem Lab

Playground improvements

Library Book Diversity Initiative (Wycklendt/Stangler)

An initial meeting was had. 77 books were submitted, 5 were repeats and we already own 20, 52 books needed to meet the goal.

Other:

Budgeting: The process is beginning, January will be the next discussion.

Blackbaud: A program implementor has been identified. Discussions to begin on what we don't like about the program, how we can correct it, reprogram it best for our needs and train the staff/volunteers.

Boiler Update: in the process of hiring an engineer to design the system then solicitations for quotes will be sent out.

Solar Update: working on getting a screen by front office to display the effects of having the system so kids have a very visual idea of its benefits.

6. Marketing Committee Update (Johns)

Marketing committee consists of Ed Johns, Cory Wycklendt and Rachel Uihlein

Major initiatives include the annual report, reevaluating current efforts including the website, communications, newsletters, emails, and rebranding videos.

7. Development Committee Update (Johns)

Annual Fund party is November 17, 2023

8. Liaison Reports

Home and School (Hillenbrand)

Pretzel Run: raised a record \$70,000; Pretzel Pledges were a bigger piece this year; this year's chairs agreed to be heavily involved next year

Grade level parent parties have happened or should be happening now

Conferences are coming up and we will have lots of treats for teachers for the week

Trunk or Treat, please sign up, more trunks are needed.

Battle of the Books has launched

2024 Emerald Auction is moving to the Pritzlaff

Athletics (Borowski)

Golf outing will be moving to May

8th grade boys and girls volleyball teams have been invited to the Seton Tournament

Basketball will begin November 6th

Athletics spent a good amount of money to update the concession stand for the games.

Next Meeting: November 8, 2023

Meeting adjourned: 7:35pm

Minutes prepared by Anne Jackson.