

St. Robert School Advisory Commission

Minutes from September 6th, 2023

Present:

Paul Sweeney, SAC Chair
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
Kevin Casper, Development Committee Chair
David Borowski, President, Athletic Board
Anne Jackson, Secretary
Sarah Hillenbrand, Home & School Association Liaison
Scott Waggoner, Parish Representative

Not Present:

Portia Brown, Engagement Committee Chair
David Clark, Policy Chair

1. Call to Order at 6:05 PM (Paul Sweeney)
2. Prayer (Lucas Stangler)
3. Principal's Report (Lucas Stangler)

Introductions were made.

Enrollment:

Current enrollment is at 282 students 4K-8th.
Discussion on how we need to boost enrollment in K4.

Staffing:

We are fully staffed with the exception of the development position.

Changes for New School Year:

We now have a second Spanish teacher 3 days a week and are partnering with UWM for our 2 band positions.

4. New/Ongoing Business

New SAC Guidelines for 2023/2024 School Year:

Anyone is welcome during open session, if a parent/teacher has an issue they would like to discuss it will need to be approved and put on the agenda in advance. Guests will be asked to leave after open session as we move to a closed session of the meeting.

Discussion on the need for marketing committee members; potentially combining marketing and development as well as the potential of additional SAC members from the teacher pool and/or archdiocese.

The entire SAC committee has committed to another year of service.

Susan Sprenger was elected Vice Chairman of the SAC.

Communication to Parent Community:

Paul to draft email with our meeting schedule and convey that all are invited should they desire to attend during open session.

Update on Math Program Selection Process: (Susan and Lucas)

We are implementing the Bridges Curriculum for K4-5th grade and Illustrative Math for middle school. Teachers did some independent training as well as some online training prior to school starting. We are looking into a coach to help get the program and teachers launched on a successful path. Due to the amount raised in the auction paddle raise for the math curriculum we need to be sure all efforts related to the math program are effectively communicated to parents/ donors.

The Assistant Principal situation was discussed.

Other:

Ideas for the auction paddle raise were considered; goal is to have a few solid ideas by October. Boiler project is ongoing, there are different options/prices but it's ultimately a very expensive and necessary project.

The solar project is up and running, we need to develop a visual component for the kids to fully understand the impact it has/will have on our school and the environment.

Discussion on how we need to optimize the Blackbaud system.

5. Liaison Reports

Home & School (Sarah Hillenbrand)

Auction raised \$207,000 plus \$100,000 in the paddle raise.

Pretzel Run is tomorrow.

Upcoming events include Trunk or Treat and the book fair.

The 2024 Auction date is March 9th.

Recruitment for the 2025 auction team is ongoing.

Athletics: (Dave Borowski)

Volleyball and tennis have begun.

Efforts are being made to build up the concessions for sporting events; new popcorn, hotdog, pretzel and pizza machines have been purchased.

6. Marketing/Communications/Development (Lucas/Kevin Casper)

There is a development meeting tomorrow.

Targeting November 17th for the Annual Fund kickoff party.

7. Future Meeting Dates (2nd Wednesday of the Month)

October 11th

Meeting adjourned: 7:47pm

Minutes prepared by Anne Jackson.