

St. Robert School Advisory Commission

Minutes from December 13th, 2023

Present:

Fr. Enrique Hernandez, Pastor
Lucas Stangler, Principal
Paul Sweeney, Chair
Ed Johns, Marketing Committee Chair
Kevin Casper, Development Committee Chair
David Clark, Policy Chair
Anne Jackson, Secretary
Sarah Hillenbrand, Home & School Association Liaison
Jacqueline Prater, Member
Ms. Dorn, Counselor

Not Present:

Dan Wycklendt, Budget and Finance Committee Chair
Susan Sprenger, Vice Chair/Programs and Wellness Committee Chair
Scott Waggoner, Parish Representative
David Borowski, President, Athletic Board
Portia Brown, Engagement Committee Chair

1. Call to Order at 6:03 PM (Paul Sweeney)
2. Prayer (Lucas Stangler)

Minutes from October and November were approved.

3. Overview of Wellness Program and Funding from Children's (Dorn)

Mrs. Dorn introduced herself and her role.

Frenzy is the curriculum she uses for social emotional learning in the classrooms; it's volume based with a goal to get through 9 volumes per year. Frenzy was funded by donations.

Outside of the classroom she has a caseload of 27 children.

Kids are able to self advocate and ask to meet with her if they choose to.

This is an important program that needs continued funding.

4. Principal's Report (Lucas Stangler)

Enrollment is currently at 283 students.

Maternity leave is needed for 4K in late spring, looking into another position to take that place along with additional aid support going forward in the year.

Letters of intent are being sent to the staff in January so we can plan ahead knowing what staff will be returning.

Maggie Zincke is up and running in her position, learning as she goes.

The search for a Development director is still on going; one candidate has been invited for an in person interview.

Advent Activities

Advent prayers are happening every Monday morning, the school also sings an Advent song and students are participating in a service project. There is an Advent calendar in the shape of a tree in Riley Hall which reveals the activity of the day.
The Christmas program is being held next week.

Lego League

Parents are championing the beginning of a lego league which hopefully will begin in February; goal is K4 - 4th grade and levels are capped with a certain number of students. Lego has its own curriculum which we will be using.

Catholic Schools Week 1-28/2-3

The goal is to have as much fun as possible that week.

5. New/Ongoing Business

STEM Lab

Paul tracked down the donor, he's still interested but has been very busy. Paul will reach out again after the first of the year.

The accreditation process is starting and a new site has been launched. Lucas and Natalia are working hard on fact finding to collect information so we can be ready to go for next year.

CLOSED SESSION – SAC Members and Liasons

6. New/Ongoing Business

Math Curriculum Consultant/Interventionist: (Sprenger)

Susan has met with Mrs. Moede to discuss lesson pacing, standards and how the program is going. School time schedule changes cut math short on occasion and that needs to be addressed. Susan will be having conversations with two consultants after the first of the year.

7. Marketing Committee Update (Johns)

Things are in motion to update some of the marketing pieces, still waiting for the position to be filled before too much work is done.

8. Development Committee Update (Casper)

Annual Fund is at \$70,000 and the goal is to get a Fall appeal out this week.

Launching a free tuition for a year program - each student has the ability to earn three tickets, one from parents donation, then they need to recruit 2 other donors for two additional tickets. The Raffle for the year of free tuition will be held at the auction.

Discussion on process for future replacement of Kevin Casper.

9. Liaison Reports

Home and School (Hillenbrand)

Red Envelope program went well; again due to a large donation by a single donor.

Trivia Night will be held on February 3rd (the same night as the Father/Daughter dance at DSHA) the cost is \$200 per table.

Auction planning is very much underway.

Volunteers are desperately needed, two events are at risk due to lack of volunteers.

Meeting adjourned: 7:48pm

Next Meeting is January 10, 2023 at 6pm.

Minutes prepared by Anne Jackson.