

St. Robert School Advisory Commission

Minutes from October 9, 2024

Present:

Fr. Enrique Hernandez, Pastor
Lucas Stangler, Principal
Paul Sweeney, Chair
Susan Sprenger, Vice Chair/Programs and Wellness Committee Chair
Dan Wycklendt, Budget and Finance Committee Chair
Kevin Casper, Development Committee Chair
Katherine Murray, Member
Anne Jackson, Secretary
Caitlin Rafaelidys, Home & School Association Liaison

Not Present:

David Clark, Policy Chair
Scott Waggoner, Parish Representative
David Borowski, President, Athletic Board
Meg Pasternak, Member
Jacqueline Prater, Member

Guests:

Jamie Blanchard
Lindsay Burke
Rachel Uihlein
Claire Woodall
Jessica McCabe
Lisa Mohindroo
Natalie Hintz

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order at 6:03PM (Paul Sweeney)
2. Prayer (Lucas Stangler)
3. Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2024 and Introduction of SAC Members and Guests

Minutes approved and all members and guests introduced.

4. Principal's Report (Lucas Stangler)

Update on Math Meeting

The meeting went well and slides were shared in the school email.

There were 50 parents in attendance.

The consultant spent two days planning with Mrs. Stefaniak and Mr. Stangler and will be back in November to analyze testing data which will help us with our plan moving forward.

Thus far our plan is on track with coaching goals for each grade level.

Staffing Update

In need of a maternity sub for 4th grade and leads are being explored.

The Advancement Director position is still available, the job description has been restructured and interviews are being scheduled.

5. New/Ongoing Business

Future Discussion and Analysis of IReady Test Results: (Stangler)

New benchmarks are in place now, benchmarks are comparative to 2023 instead of 2019 pre covid benchmarks.

Discussion on proficiency/grade level.

More data analysis needs to be done to make it easier to communicate to our families with these new benchmarks. Potentially breaking the scores out into grade levels to better assess at that level as opposed to as a school as a whole.

Update on School Excellence Fund: (Casper)

The FAQ has been drafted and we are waiting for approval. The program needed to more fully explain that its purpose is to fund the gap and that current parents should be donating to Excellence Fund, past parents, alumni etc. should be donating to Annual Fund.

Still working on sorting through Blackbaud software issues so there is a clearer picture of what money has gone to which fund.

Strategic Planning Initiative (Stangler/Sweeney)

A consultant has been identified and the hope is to have the first meeting the week of October 28th with the goal to have the plan completed by end of March. Surveys will likely be sent to parents, students, teachers to help with direction.

Apptegy: (Stangler)

Lucas has met again with the contact and is still unsure if it will be a good fit for replacing current communication strategies/app consolidation. We need to get back to him with what we currently use, our thoughts on our ideal product and if he can meet our needs. If he can do what we need, the new app would be in use next school year.

Class Sizes (Stangler)

Concerns were raised about the class size of the 2nd grade with 27 students.

Parent concerns included a loud classroom; students bringing the same book home or no book at all; the promise of smaller classes yet still a group of 27; so many kids make it hard for students to pay attention. Lucas assured parents there has been extra focus placed on the larger classes this year and that the teachers are capable of handling the larger size. He will put some thought into some other ideas of support to reinforce that though it is not the ideal scenario, this is not an issue to be concerned about.

Aids are present in the single classroom grades for additional support.

Math support will be handled by splitting classes in 2 two smaller groups.

Reading support will happen by having kids pulled out individually or in groups as needed.

CLOSED SESSION – SAC Members and Liasons

6. New/Ongoing Business

Class Sizes (Stangler)

The class size discussion continued.

Discipline Policy Update: (Stangler)
Discussion was tabled until next meeting.

7. Marketing Committee Update (Murray)
No updates.
8. Development Committee Update (Casper)
Covered during open session.

9. Liaison Reports

Parish Council (Scott Waggoner)
No updates

Home and School (Rafaelidys)

The Pretzel Run was a success with \$53,000 raised as a preliminary number; people seemed to like the new location and having the event on a Friday.

Locations are being considered for the auction, the auction team needs expansion. Literary materials were discussed as possible paddle raise this year.

Trunk or Treat is coming up, if you plan to host a trunk or volunteer for the event safeguard training is required.

Athletics (Borowski)
None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Minutes prepared by Anne Jackson