

St. Robert School Advisory Commission

Minutes from November 12, 2024

Present:

Lucas Stangler, Principal
Paul Sweeney, Chair
Dan Wycklendt, Budget and Finance Committee Chair
Meg Pasternak, Development Committee Chair
David Clark, Policy Chair
Katherine Murray, Member
Jacqueline Prater, Member
Kevin Casper, Member
Anne Jackson, Secretary
Caitlin Rafaelidys, Home & School Association Liaison
Scott Waggoner, Parish Representative

Not Present:

Fr. Enrique Hernandez, Pastor
Susan Sprenger, Vice Chair/Programs and Wellness Committee Chair
David Borowski, President, Athletic Board

Guests:

Rachel Uihlein

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order at 6:04PM (Paul Sweeney)
2. Prayer (Lucas Stangler)
3. Approval of Minutes from October 9, 2024
Minutes were not brought to meeting, will be approved via email.
4. Principal's Report (Lucas Stangler)

Recruitment of Development Director

Advancement Director has been hired. The proposed start date for the position is December 2nd.

Staffing Update

4th grade maternity position has been filled.

Accreditation process is completed. Many representatives spent time in the building doing interviews with faculty and students. It was recommended that we get re-accredited.

5. New/Ongoing Business

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

A meeting has been scheduled with the math specialist to analyze what's currently happening and goal setting. Further analysis could identify opportunity for parents to get further involved in the process and link to the curriculum to help hone skills.

Update on School Excellence Fund: (Pasternak)

The Annual Fund Party has been postponed due to the hiring of the advancement director. Both the Annual Fund and Excellence Fund will be addressed at that event. A cohesive calendar is being created

for school and parish development efforts. Blackbaud is still being a challenge. Another School Excellence Fund ask should be made prior to the end of the year in the form of a letter with the list of FAQs and return envelope.

Strategic Planning Initiative (Stangler/Sweeney)

A kick off meeting was had and the parent survey has gone out. Meetings planned out to finish up by March; focus groups will be formed. The State of the School Meeting should be held after the final strategic plan has been developed.

Date of the State of the School Meeting: (Stangler/Sweeney)

Potentially April 23rd or 30th.

Update on 2nd Grade Classroom Size (Stangler)

A response was sent to further address the concerns of 2nd grade families. Stangler and Stefaniak did deep dives into each subject. The classroom occasionally does get loud but mostly due to excitement about the upcoming activity and staff was able to quell the noise effectively. Math has already been split into groups for smaller group learning. Reading is taught differently with 4 teachers/aids actively participating in the reading lessons. We are continuing with the current plan and keeping a close watch on it.

CLOSED SESSION – SAC Members and Liasons

6. New/Ongoing Business

Discipline Policy Update: (Stangler)

“Homework Club” is being established; if a teacher determines a student has (repeatedly) not done their homework appropriately the teacher will assign the student with Homework Club which will be held until 4pm. This program will be utilized for students who repeat this behavior despite several rounds of coaching, etc. Final policy is still in review.

7. Marketing Committee Update (Murray)

A committee has been formed and a marketing rep from the archdiocese will be joining the first meeting on November, 22nd. Goal for this year is to focus on 4K recruitment however this may change with structure of the new strategic plan. Focus is currently on early enrollment.

8. Development Committee Update (Pasternak)

Covered during open session.

9. Liaison Reports

Parish Council (Scott Waggoner)

Advent is going up; there may or may not be angels at Christmas masses this year... tbd. Families will be asked to light advent candles.

Home and School (Rafaelidys)

Middle school musical will be May 8-9-10th

Emerald Auction will be held March 8th at the Lakefront Brewery

Bobcats at Boswell is December 14th

Trivia Night will be January 25th

Athletics (Borowski)

Basketball has begun

8th grade girls won Seton Tourney

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36 pm.