

School Commission Minutes - Sept. 29, 2020

Present: Ron Smyczek (Principal), Sarah Benike-Immel, Libby Bonen (Vice-Chair), Sarah Desiderio (Fundraising), Andrea Gade (Marketing Chair), Chris Gellings (Long Range Planning Chair), Barb Grzywinski (Home and School Liaison), Cori Knuth, Windy Pelletier, Katie Schaalma, Barb Welsh (Auction Liaison), Jenn Wilke (Budget and Finance Chair)

Absent: Tim Hanlon, (Parish Council Liaison)

I. School Good News:

- a. 3 new hi def, LED lit smart boards have been installed.
- b. Greenhouse now has shelving, working on water access.
- c. Working with new student database, PowerSchool.
- d. Academic theme for the year is STREAM

II. Principals Report

- a. Discussed combined classrooms
- b. Enrollment is at 78. This is down 3 from last year (21 students leaving, and 18 new students)
- c. Mask compliance is going well. Safeguards regarding Covid-19 are being followed directly from FDL Co. Public Health Dept. and are updated/reviewed each Tuesday. As of last week, taking daily temperature s has stopped. There are no documented cases in the student body, although there have been several known exposures and self-quarantines.
- d. All athletics have been placed on hold.
- e. Annual Report shows 7 FT and 7 PT staff. Staff changes for the year: Ron Smyczek- Principal, Bonnie Rapkin, Spanish and Heather Coughlin, Art.

III. Business

- a. Approval of April meeting minutes deferred to November meeting.
- b. No Parish Council Report

Committee Reports

IV. Executive

- a. Currently seeking Commission Chair and Secretary. Need to confirm who Parish Council Liaison will be.
- b. Sarah Benike-Immel nominated for Commission Chair.
- c. Commission Welcome Packets will be attached to minutes.

V. Budget and Finance

- a. Run for the Hills is scheduled for Oct 3. Still opportunities to volunteer.

VI. Home and School

- a. Actively seeking committee members.
- b. Every class has at least one room mother. Lots of new family involvement.
- c. Trunk or Treat scheduled for 10/21 @ 6pm. Looking into how to handle this during Covid. Donuts with Dad is on but may need to done differently with social distancing in place.

VII. Auction

- a. Gala will be virtual this year. Still looking into themes and platforms for this. Will continue to do classroom projects. Next meeting 10/15.

VIII. Marketing

- a. Positive feedback from Mentor Families.
- b. Facebook page is showing increased traffic; many likes and shares.
- c. Looking into ideas for Catholic Schools Week (last week of January)- looking into how address parent concern of transferring high school students from a small school to a large one after 8th grade graduation.
- d. Assessing how to better market kids' involvement in SMSA sports while at SOTH.
- e. Shadow days are set for Feb/March.
- f. Discussion held on moving up Early Childhood meeting to January.

IX. Long Range Planning

- a. Looking into new laptops given the added usage during the pandemic.

Next Meeting: Tues, November 10, 6pm