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School Advisory Council Agenda

The School Advisory council's primary purpose is the fostering of faith development and the advancement of the school community, in accordance with the Bylaws and school's mission statement. *Our Mission is to inspire and empower all learners to become the person God intends by integrating Catholic Virtues, Prayer and Service with 21st Century Learning.*

October 20, 2015
6:00 - 7:30

SAC Members in Attendance: Lonnie Fette, Trevor Jager, Dave Schwob, Becky Tinucci and Karyn Willenbring

- I 6:00 Opening Prayer - Bruce
- II 6:05-6:20 Review Action Steps for St. Joseph Mission and Vision Statement within the school
- III 6:20-6:30 Review New Families and Shepherd family event
 - a Dinner Oct. 11th here at the school
 - a Positive feedback and a a lot of good questions answered for new families
 - b Suggestion - connect Shepard Family with New Family at the beginning of the event
 - b Survey ~ what factors influenced decision to attend St. Joseph School?
 - a Paul Kohls is sending out survey this week to new families.
 - b Suggestion - Add How did you hear about St. Joseph Catholic School? This will help know which marketing strategies are making an impact.
- IV 6:30-6:35 What's the next right answer for St. Joseph School
 - a SmartLab ~ visitors from Fargo (last week) and Sioux Falls (December)
 - a Creative learning Systems toured two middle schools through St. Joseph. Positive feedback from all.
- V 6:35-6:50 Marketing and Home/School

- a Give to the Max Day - November 11 <https://givemn.org/resources-gtmd-prizes>
 - a St. Joseph goal is \$15,000 and if reached it will be matched
 - b Reaching out to school families and 1200 alumni
- b Mother Daughter events
 - a C-Stem Palooza: Sunday, November 1 from 3-5PM
 - i Speakers Bethany Weeks and Amy Sissala from Stratasys will engage mothers and daughters in fun engineering activities. Limited to 30 people and sign up is through Bidpal.
 - ii Dave will add link to SJS homepage.
 - b Event 2 and 3 held later this year. Opening up invite to neighboring church communities first and will grow from there.
- c C-STEM Fair during CSW (Catholic Schools Week)
 - a Amy Gallus, Kim Heur and Bruce have been meeting to discuss the details and more information will be out soon. All students will be required to participate in the STEM Fair.
 - b Thursday night, 2/4/15, Open House (stemmed from Marketing Committee) Friday day, 2/5/15, Generation Day
 - c Discussed possible ideas: mixed age groups for student projects, specific requirements from teachers for middle school students, require project approval, develop a timeline of due dates.

VI 6:50-7:00 Educational Programming

- a ELA research
 - a New curriculum due for 2015-16
- b Program ideas
 - a Bruce briefly shared a few of the ideas the group is currently researching (Great Books, Guided Reading, Early reading programs) and an example of Jill Good's Guided Reading program in her classroom this year.
 - b Other thoughts shared
 - i Possibility of advanced classes for middle school students while keeping expectation high for all
 - ii Increased rigor
 - iii Speech team/Debate team - look into opportunities for students to compete like they do in Math League
- c Another GHR Grant

- a Congratulations on a new \$75,000 GHR Grant that will be shared with Sacred Heart in Robbinsdale and Frassati Catholic Academy in White Bear Lake. Money will be used for the following:
 - i Teacher tech training; iPads and video conferencing
 - ii All 3 schools will participate in a 3 year, 3 lake study.
- b The money leftover from the first grant will be used to help Ann Cook earn her STEM certification and possibly more.

VII 7:00 – 7:10 Advancement

- a Marathon update ~ Oct. 30
 - a Bruce will connect with Vicki Leuthner
- b Boogie Blast ~ April 16
 - a Theme: Memory Lane "Remembering our Past to Rebuild our Future"
 - b Looking for pictures from years past
 - c All school reunion, honoring the class of 2006 (10 yr.), 300 attendance goal
 - d Free to PK, new families and teachers
 - e Dave or Trevor will ask Matt Sonnek to update link on website
 - f New WiFi installation in gym
- c [Fund-a-Need ideas](#)
 - a Discussed a stacked list with so many items listed/needed.

VIII Begin Discussion about Tuition for 2016-17 (Tuition values below are 2015-16)

- a Our Lady of the Lake in Mound \$4700
- b St. Therese in Deephaven not found
- c St. Hubert in Chanhassen \$4845 (Band and choir extra cost \$450)
- d St. John the Baptist in Excelsior \$4500
- e Notre Dame Academy in Minnetonka \$4800
- f Guardian Angels in Chaska \$5200
- g St. Bartholomew in Wayzata \$4553
- h Holy Name in Wayzata \$4700
- i St. Max in Delano \$3,075
- j St. Joseph in Waconia \$4560
- k Average tuition in Hennepin County \$5341 (includes all private schools K-12)
 - a Last increases: 2013 \$4,000 2014 \$4,200 2015 \$4,560
 - b Concerns:
 - i Girl enrollment very low in grades K-3

- ii 24 students graduating this year as opposed to 8 last year
- c PK is hosting conferences upstairs by the SmartLab to draw parents in to see more of the school. They will also be showing a video of the school for parents waiting for their conferences.
- d Thoughts/suggestions
 - i. 1st year free? K free?
 - ii. Price break for registering by Nov. 30? Guarantee "X" price if registered by this date.
 - iii. Host a Q&A Night for inquiring families and include parent speakers
- l Fair Share conversation...
 - a SJS Value Cards are a huge hit and easy to sell for most families. Gas cards are easy way to raise some money.
 - b \$550/family helps keep overall cost of tuition down. Or suggested do we just add it to the cost of tuition?
 - c Nothing concrete suggested or decided

IX Uniform Request from Rebecca Sonnek (see document at end of Agenda)

- a Mixed thoughts on uniform changes. Most liked the idea of a consistent look throughout the school and even suggested adding school logo on shirts. The primary concern was regarding the cost of change for families. Decided to further discuss uniform change request at the next meeting when more members are present.

X Parent Satisfaction Survey 2014-2015

- a Fall 2015: 47 participants vs. Fall of 2014: 29 participants
- b All 20 questions showed an overall increase in satisfaction

XI Next meeting - Thursday, December 10, 2015 (No November meeting)

XII Closing Prayer and meeting adjourned 8:15