

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.

February 23, 2016

6:30 – 8:00

Attendance

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| Trevor Jager | Karyn Willenbring | Paul David | Becky Tinucci |
| Principle Bruce Richards | Parish Council Rep Rebecca Sonnek | Catherine Seck | |

AGENDA & MINUTES

| Time | Item | Presenter | Discussion/Decision | Goal/Assigned to/Due: |
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| 6:00 - 6:30 PM | Dinner | | Cafeteria with all councils | |
| 6:30 PM | Opening Prayer | Bruce | | |
| 6:30-6:35 | WIGS for St. Joseph Catholic Community | Bruce | <p>Review:</p> <p>Wildly Important Goal ONE: Help people to know where they are in their Christian Development.</p> <p>Wildly Important Goal TWO: Implement structure that will support development of disciples.</p> <p>Notes:</p> | |

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| | | | <p>Everyone – kids and families</p> <p>Measured: qualified and quantified</p> | |
| 6:35 - 6:45 | <p>SAC Membership</p> <p>Recruiting new member(s)</p> | Bruce | <p>Description:</p> <p>Bylaws call for new members to be recruited in March of each year (please review Article IV of Bylaws linked below)</p> <p>Breakdown:</p> <p>4th year member (term expiring):</p> <p>Becky</p> <p>2nd year members</p> <p>Lonnie Trevor Dave Bob Paul</p> <p>1st year members</p> <p>Opal Karyn Catherine</p> <p>Options for 2-year members:</p> <p>All stay on for year 3 and recruit 2-year members next year.</p> <p>SAC Member could step down after 2nd year</p> <p>Member could renew term now and serve 2nd term starting next year (SAC role ends at conclusion of 2nd term - year 5)</p> <p>Other ideas?</p> <p>Identify possible candidates for SAC</p> <p>During the month of March ~ identify 3-5 people to approach for SAC membership</p> | Discussion/Decision |

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| | | | <p>Notes:</p> <p>Katie Vanvoran – Catherine Seck to call Lynn Specken - Paul David Kerry Stuckenberg - Bruce Matt Sonnek - Rebecca Lonnie – stay on Paul – 1 more term Trevor - stay on</p> <p>Links Bylaws</p> | <p>Katie Vanvoran – Catherine Lynn Specken - Paul Kerry Stuckenberg - Bruce Matt Sonnek - Rebecca All will update interest at next SAC meeting Lonnie – stay on Paul – 1 more term Trevor - stay on</p> |
| 6:45 - 7:00 PM | School Uniform Review | Bruce / Rebecca S. | <p>Item Review, discuss and determine action steps on the idea of adjusting elementary school uniform Breakdown Links Elementary Uniform Modification request</p> | Decision |

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| | | | <p>Notes:</p> <p>Change all blue to black (pants, skort, jumper, sweaters, socks, etc.)</p> <p>Black pants K-4</p> <p>Khaki pants 5-8</p> <p>Red or white shirt.</p> <p>Suggested new options: Blazer, K-4 boy/girl sweater and/or zip up option</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>An Exploratory Group will be created to discuss ideas, attain feedback from parents and teachers and present new poicy option to the SAC.</p> <p>Rebecca Sonnek and Renee Fette to be parent reps, need two staff reps</p> | |
| 7:00 - 7:15 PM | Standardized Assessments | Bruce | <p>Item to discuss</p> <p>Should we continue to administer MCA testing to grades 3-8?</p> <p>Breakdown</p> <p>Archdiocese had strongly recommended MCA/OLPA testing (Reading and Math) the past 2 years. The idea: compare our schools with public schools (apples to apples comparison)</p> <p>This recommendation is no longer supported by Arch, rather we are encouraged/expected to administer a</p> | Update/Discussion |

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| | | <p>standardized assessment to ensure students are growing and we are attaining academic excellence (NWEA-MAPS do this)</p> <p>Cost is \$6.22/test (total estimated cost is \$1500)</p> <p>We have administered nationally normed standardized assessment in math, reading and science (NWEA-MAPS) and state testing (MCAs) for past two years</p> <p>CSCOE (Catholic Schools Center of Excellence) will pay for our continued use of NWEA-MAPS (about \$1500/year)</p> <p>Waconia High has agreed to forego math placement testing for our highest achieving math students based on MCA math results. Inquiry has not yet been made on the use of NWEA-MAP results</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>If a kid is currently in geometry, he/she will be put into Algebra 2 at WHS</p> <p>Concerns on the MCA tests is that we are not apples to apples with the public if we don't have it.</p> <p>Bruce's thought is doing the MCA for only 7th and 8th kids which will provide feedback to get into the appropriate classes. If they don't do well, they will need to do the WHS math placement test.</p> <p>Another benefit of doing the MCA – it could be necessary for public dollars</p> | <p>Voted to keep the MCA for 7th & 8th only</p> <p>Bruce</p> <p>Work out a written policy with Kathleen Oliphant at WHS</p> |
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| | | | <p>Is it possible to get the MAP data from WHS?</p> <p>Important to share with current families about these changes and why we are making them.</p> | <p>Investigate/inquire about Waconia MAP scores</p> <p>Feedback to families about changes</p> |
| 7:15 - 7:22 PM | Marketing Committee Update | Paul | <p>Home and School Reboot</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>With technology, everything has changed. The PTA efforts of the past do not apply as much any longer.</p> <p>The H&S group felt like they were in a vacuum</p> <p>Home and school is about involvement and connecting families</p> <p>People need and want to be asked to volunteer.</p> <p>Need specific tasks outlined for what volunteers need to do.</p> <p>Home and school is going to be re-branded and focus on being intentional.</p> <p>Much more intentional in how people can get involved.</p> <p>Stories of the impact that people make</p> | Update/Discussion |

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| | | | <p>We need people to say that we need changes</p> <p>Create a school directory again. Include photos, emails, addresses, names of all children and companies they work for.</p> <p>April 7th</p> <p>H&S Re-brand Kickoff function for the school</p> <p>Speaker from Bridging to come explain how volunteering has impacted their lives and inspire/motivate our families.</p> <p>Getting classroom parents more involved.</p> <p>Facilitated by a person or group</p> <p>Bring back room parent and be specific in room parents' roles</p> <p>Things from the history that has disappeared</p> <p>Email things</p> | <p>April 7th</p> <p>H&S Re-brand Kickoff function for the school</p> <p>Paul</p> <p>Communicate feedback with H&S committee.</p> |
| 7:23 - 7:30 PM | Technology Committee Update | Trevor Dave | <p>Infrastructure (wireless access in building)</p> <p>Technology PD for staff</p> <p>Next right answer for SJS in terms of devices...</p> <p>Notes:</p> | <p>Update</p> <p>Meeting scheduled for 3/3</p> |

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| | | | <p>Wiring was completed downstairs over President's Weekend</p> <p>Staff PD – money available through shared CISCO Partner Plus Grant</p> <p>Meeting on Thursday to discuss devices for future</p> | |
| 7:30 - 7:40 PM | Advancement | Lonnie Catherine | <p>Boogie Blast</p> <p>Progress Update</p> <p>Gun Raffle (Fr. B has ok'd)</p> <p>Invitation to Our Lady of the Lakes Event</p> <p>Fore the Students Golf Outing</p> <p>Met last week ~ Progress Update</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Invites will be completed in the next couple of weeks</p> <p>Alumni – 2 for 1</p> <p>New families – Free</p> <p>The invitations are going to include the pricing</p> <p>How does the information get out, improve communication</p> <p>Need to get info on Facebook</p> <p>Push any updates that we have on Facebook</p> <p>Share answers to weekly questions</p> <p>Classroom baskets are coming together</p> | Update/Discussion |

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| | | | <p>Challenging without room parent in place to facilitate class discussions for class basket.</p> <p>Younger kids items that would appeal to lower grades – ideas are coming in</p> <p>Other Ideas shared: Firetruck ride, Police ride along</p> <p>Gun raffle would be at the event, but would not be advertised.</p> <p>Vote on it next meeting</p> <p>2/3rds of the voting members to approve. Can vote by proxy.</p> <p>Discussed again when Father Bennet joined meeting. Discussed best to leave it as an idea for the Parish on Nickle Dickle Day. Not talking about it at the next meeting. This is out of the picture this year.</p> <p>Fore the students golf event is in process.</p> | <p>Voted to not have gun raffle at Boogie Blast 2016.</p> |
| 7:40 - 7:50 PM | Educational Programming | Opal Karyn | <p>Literacy curriculum adoption update</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Shared ELA developing vision and philosophy (still in progress)</p> <p>Shared recent NWEA scores</p> <p>Next step is trying to get materials on hand</p> | <p>Update/Discussion</p> |

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| | | | <p>Looking at different grade bands for varying curriculum</p> <p>Discussed importance of a curriculum that is rigorous, aligned with standards, smooth transition amongst grades/various curriculums, higher/more writing expectations in the middle school and assessments and meeting all students needs.</p> | |
| 7:50-7:55 PM | School Year Calendar | Bruce | <p>Description:</p> <p>Review calendar one pager for approval</p> <p>Change PD day from Nov 28th to Nov 4th</p> | <p>Discussion/Decision</p> <p>Voted and approved calendar for 2016-17</p> <p>Bruce</p> <p>Update calendar</p> |
| 7:55 – 8:00 PM | Share Meeting time changes | Bruce | <p>Description:</p> <p>Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has been restructured</p> <p>6 independent councils ~ School, Business/Finance, Faith for Life, Worship, Parish Life, Outreach</p> <p>PPC consists of a staff member rep and an appointed council member rep</p> <p>PPC has 3 standing members (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary) who are not on an independent council</p> | <p>Update</p> <p>Bruce and Karyn both need a substitute for March 29th meeting</p> <p>Volunteer: _____</p> <p>Volunteer: _____</p> |

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| | | <p>Two parish trustees are also on council along with pastor</p> <p>PPC will meet for 1.5 hours/month immediately following council meetings on 4th Tuesday of the month in room 227 from 7:45-9:15</p> <p>Independent Council meetings will start at 6:00 (no dinner) and adjourn at 7:30</p> <p>If independent council's staff member or appointed rep can not attend PPC, a substitute must be found (goal is to have 2 people representing each council at each meeting)</p> <p>Need a representative for Bruce on March 29th</p> <p>March meeting will be on March 17th</p> | |
| 8:00 | Adjourn | | |

Next Meeting Date: March 17, 2016 6:00 – 7:30 PM ~ No meetings during Holy Week