

Format for Committee Reports St. John Vianney Parish

Name of Committee: School Committee

Date of Meeting: November 14, 2016

Members Present: Lynn Byrne, Chair
Jennie Minessale, Vice-Chair
Palma Forte, Secretary
Maureen Bouda
Barb Corby
Joseph Budovec
Joy Graf
Annmarie Hoyme
JoAnn Cekanor, Pastoral Council Liaison
Laura Russell, Home & School Liaison
President Pam Pyzyk, ex-officio
Principal Dan Demeter, ex-officio

Members Absent: Elizabeth Lange

Guests: Deb Blaha, Middle School Math Teacher
Jessica Scaffidi, 5th Grade Teacher

1. Topics/Issues/Projects/Strategic Plan Initiatives Discussed

- President's Report - Annual Fund update - participation response from school families after the first month of the campaign is at 44% (100/226 families); pledges to date total \$76,227.00; \$44,187.00 has been paid to date with pledges and \$11,181.00 has been paid to date with no pledges for a total of \$55,368.00 paid to date (which represents 27.5% of set goal of \$200,000.00).

Current school enrollment is 376. Registration for 2017-2018 for current school families began on November 1st and is due by November 16th. Reminder e-mails to current families who have not expressed their intent will be sent November 17th through November 21st. As of November 14th, 127 of our current students (38%) are registered for next year and 9 siblings are registered for K4 (all 9 for the all day program) for a total of 136 students registered to date for 2017-2018. The number of prospective K4 registrations pending is 3, and these will be processed on November 28th. On November 28th, the school will begin accepting the registration paperwork for all prospective families.

All Day Kindergarten Program for Four Year Olds - program was highlighted during Fr. Knippel's presentation shown at all Masses on the October 29th and 30th weekend and was highlighted in the Shamrock Weekly on November 1st. Tri-fold K4 brochure being designed by Toni Kroeplin is scheduled for mailing on November 28th. Postcard Campaign is scheduled for the week of December 5th. SJV has been in the last 6 issues of the Brookfield Now News. An article submitted to the Brookfield Now News, which appeared on November 10th in the section entitled "In Our Schools," highlighted SJV's new All Day K4 program and half-day option.

- **Principal's Report - VBRD (Virtue Based Restorative Discipline) Update - Virtue Visionaries/Assemblies -** As teachers recognize students displaying virtuous behaviors, teachers will write out a note of thanks to be given to the student, and the student's name will also be added on another leaf on the bulletin board. Once a month the school will hold Virtue Assemblies, in which all students and staff will gather to recognize the "Virtue Visionaries" from the past month, to promote the program, and to keep the energy level high. The second quarter virtue is compassion, chosen because it works so perfectly with the holiday season and helping those in need. The school will be collecting food for the Pack the Pantry drive, adopting Prince of Peace families at Christmas time, and the teachers will be participating in the Family to Family program with our international twinning parish in Peru.

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for November 22nd with the following goals: a formal check-in for teachers and families, to collaboratively work together to do what is best for each student, and to discuss strengths and areas of growth for EACH student.

Middle School MAPs Goal Setting - During the week of November 7th, Mrs. Albright and Mrs. Goss met with each middle school student for a brief one-on-one conference to review the fall MAPs information in order to set a goal to achieve by the spring MAPs assessment in one of the following areas: reading, mathematics, or language arts. With assistance from the teacher, each student created an action plan, including specific strategies to achieve their goal.

- **Teacher's Reports -** Deb Blaha in the middle school is connecting math with writing and virtues. Students are writing their learning targets and assessing themselves. Each quarter the students have a math is everywhere writing assignment. The first quarter's assignment was to write about careers in math. Jessica Scaffidi discussed the differentiated math groups being utilized in the primary and intermediate grades. There is flexible grouping being done among both classrooms in each grade, and it varies with each grade. In fifth grade, for example, there are 3 differentiated math groups, allowing for math instruction to be tailored for each group.
- **Home & School Report - Secret Santa -** parents who attend must sign up for one full shift, buddies will be helping the younger students with their shopping. and the goal for shopping is for others and not for the student. Work on the Bids for Kids Auction continues. Due to the tax consequences, gift cards will not be given to the teachers this year for Christmas. Instead, a catered luncheon will be provided on December 21st. On Saturday, January 14, 2017, there will be a father/daughter school dance.
- **Sub-Committee Chair Reports -**
Advancement Sub-Committee - K4 brochure should be ready for mailing on November 28th, postcards to be mailed the week of December 5th, facebook pop-up ads to begin on December 19th, and yard signs will be available December 5th but can't go up until December 9th. There are also two K4 open houses scheduled: one for Friday, January 6, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. and one for Monday, January 9, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Policy Sub-Committee - New policies regarding Supplementary Instructional Materials and K4 Full Day/Half-day Option were reviewed and approved. The updated policy regarding Electronic and Telecommunications Devices was reviewed, amended and approved. After extensive discussion regarding allergies and not having food at school parties, the updated policy regarding Parties was approved.

- **Announcement made that Maureen Bouda and her family will be moving in December due to her husband's employment, and a Prayer for Moving was said.**

2. Decisions Made

Explanations for all 4 approved policies to be included with the policies to be printed in the Shamrock Weekly on November 15th for announcement purposes to school families,

3. Follow-up Work – Person (s) Responsible

Principal Dan Demeter to include explanations for all 4 policies to be printed in the Weekly.

4. Next Meeting: Date/Major Agenda Items

January 23, 2017

To: Pastoral Council

- FYI. No action needed at this time
- Please put us on your next agenda. See attachment.
- We need direction, please. See attachment.
- Other: