

Format for Committee Reports St. John Vianney Parish

Name of Committee: School Committee

Date of Meeting: September 11, 2017

Members Present: Barb Corby, Vice-Chair
Palma Forte, Secretary
AnnMarie Hoyme
Jennie Minessale
Laura Russell
Karla Schmidt
Aimee Sullivan
President Pam Pyzyk, ex-officio
Principal Dan Demeter, ex-officio
Amy Kelly, Home & School Liaison
Joann Cekanor, Pastoral Council Liaison

Members Absent: Lynn Byrne, Chair
Sarah Dwyer

Guests: Kim Prudlow
Jenny Williams, 1st Grade Teacher
Lorena Alfageme, Spanish Teacher
Melissa Klement, 1st Grade Teacher

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

- President's Report - Annual Fund 2017-2018 Campaign Kick Off for all parishioners will occur at all Masses on the weekend of October 7th and 8th, 2017. The goal set for the 2017-2018 Campaign is \$150,000. New Annual Fund Appeal materials for 2017-2018 Campaign will arrive in the mail the week of October 9th, with pledges due by October 31, 2017. The campaign materials will have a new look. The booklet, as used during past campaigns, will only appear on our website. This year, we will mail a cover letter, insert, and pledge card with a return envelope. This should save on printing costs. To date, 100% of the full time teaching staff members and administrators have made a financial contribution or pledge to this year's annual fund campaign.

Enrollment for 2017-2018 school year is currently 370 students (last year was 373 students). All 48 of our K4 spots were filled. SJV welcomed 65 new students and 39 new families. SJV currently has 227 school families.

St. John Vianney 60th Anniversary Celebration - Committee for getting the word out about the celebration is up and running. Marketing for the event includes distributing "Save the Date" cards and using anniversary banners and posters at parish and school functions.

- Principal's Report - Virtue Based Restorative Discipline (VBRD) - Loyalty is the theme for the school year. The goals for the program this year include (1) parent inclusion through family prayer boxes and virtue nights; (2) increase in restorative practices amongst the staff; and (3) virtue families that will replace the traditional buddy program.

Teacher Professional Development and Evaluation - A stronger focus will be on differentiated teacher professional development with a stronger teacher voice.

Allergy and snack updates - Families with allergies were contacted and were given the option of keeping their class free of the food for safety purposes, and K5, 1st and 4th preferred this option.; nut free vs. nut safe; school wide allergy lists prepared.

- Teacher's Reports - Jenny Williams - Science curriculum & STEAM night - On 9/26/17, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics) Night will be held in the cafeteria from 6 - 7 p.m. It showcases interactive learning.

 Lorena Alfageme - Ms. Alfageme incorporated religion into the Spanish curriculum last year by teaching students prayers in Spanish. This year students will be doing Hispanic Heritage presentations - students will be giving presentations on people of Hispanic Heritage who have invented something.

 Melissa Klement - First grade is learning about rural, urban, and suburban communities, mapping, and goods & services.

- Home & School Report - This year a Scholastic Book Fair will be held at SJV during the week of October 23, 2017 (Barnes & Noble event will not be held this year). As part of the week long book fair, a family night will be held on October 25, 2017, from 6 - 7 p.m.. Photos with costumes will be taken, and families will have the opportunity to visit the book fair before the Fall Fest Concert at 7:00 p.m.

A box tops drive will result in a dress down day for the school on October 17th if the goal amount is reached.

Vianney Varieties will be held on November 6, 2017. Fourth grade students may participate this year.

- Sub-Committee Chair Reports - Advancement - Advancement is trying to get more people to register and participate in the annual Soles for Soles Walk that will take place on October 21, 2017, so they will be present at STEAM Night helping families register for the walk. Registration is free through September 25th, but Advancement is trying to get free registration extended through the close of STEAM Night, so that people can register on the spot at the STEAM night event. Advancement is also working on a giveaway, like a SJV hat, for the participants, to help our school stand out at the walk event.

 In an attempt to increase participation at the July 4th Parade, middle school service hours will be offered to the school's fifth graders.

- Chair Report - PIN Night - Marketing of the school committee was successful at the event. See Lynn Byrne if you have any problems with Google Drive. Laura Russell suggested organizing the School Committee drive by year. The School Committee Strategic Plan was reviewed, and some edits were made to accurately reflect the work of the Committee for the 2017--2018 Year, including the addition of PIN night marketing of the School Committee and the addition of a parent component of VBRD under parent education. A ninth item has been added to the plan as the new Policy Manual has been released by the Archdiocese, and making sure SJV's school policy complies with the Archdiocese's new Policy Manual will be prioritized.

2. Decisions Made

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

- Policy Subcommittee will be prioritizing review of the new Archdiocese's Policy Manual, as well as drafting and amending SJV school policies for compliance with same.

4. Next Meeting: Date/Major Agenda Items

- October 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:**