

# St. John Vianney Parish

**Name of Committee: School Committee**

**Date of Meeting: November 20, 2017**

**Members Present: Lynn Byrne, Chair**

**Barb Corby, Vice-Chair**

**Palma Forte, Secretary**

**Sara Dwyer**

**AnnMarie Hoyme**

**Jennie Minessale**

**President Pam Pyzyk, ex-officio**

**Principal Dan Demeter, ex-officio**

**JoAnn Cekanor, Pastoral Council Liaison**

**Amy Kelly, Home and School Liaison**

**Members Absent: Laura Russell**

**Karla Schmidt**

**Aimee Sullivan**

**Guests: Francis Dempsey, Social Studies Middle School Teacher**

**Emily Kosterman, K4 Teacher**

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

- President's Report - Annual Fund Update - \$75,910.00 has been pledged to date; total paid to date is \$60,459.43. The set goal is \$150,000.00.

Enrollment - Current enrollment is 369. Registration for 2018-2019 for current school families ran from Tuesday, November 1st through Friday, November 17th. 43 students will be graduating from 8th grade in June, 2018, and the remaining number of students eligible to register for K5-8th grade is 326. We already have 212 of our current students registered for next year (65%) and 12 siblings for K4 for a current total of 224 students. Of our current 48 K4 students, 23 students are already registered to return to attend K5 next year. We will begin accepting the registration paperwork for prospective families on Monday, November 27th. Tour season for Pam Pyzyk has already begun.

- Principal Report - VBRD Update - The first round of the Virtue Prayer Boxes has been successfully completed, and very positive feedback was received. The prayer boxes offer families an opportunity to bring the VBRD program into their homes. The boxes will be sent home again during Lent. Also, the second quarter virtue is generosity, which was 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, sponsoring 19 families from Prince of Peace at Christmas Time, and the teachers will be participating in the Family to Family program with our international twinning parish in Peru. The students are also being taught that generosity is more than just giving to those in need, but is also about having a generous spirit, which means doing small acts of kindness for the people around you every day.

What's Going on Inside the School? -

1. Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, November 22nd, 7:30-11:30, 3:30-7:30.
2. Discovery Project - The Archdiocese has partnered with a number of local, Catholic high schools to deliver accelerated English/language arts and math classes, which run for 9 weeks, to students who meet certain criteria. SJV will have 12 seventh and eighth grade students participating this year!
3. Teacher SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, time-bound) Goals - Early in the school year, every teacher identified an area of their teaching that they would like to target. Using the Archdiocese Teacher Evaluation Framework, each teacher has been working hard to successfully implement that goal.

- **Teacher's Reports -**  
Francis Dempsey - Mr. Dempsey is developing a social studies flipped classroom (his SMART Goal), which will put students in the forefront of their learning. Rather than delivering a lecture to his students, he prepares a 6 - 8 minute video discussing the topic of study, which the students watch as homework the night before class. The next day students receive a guided activity with pointed questions regarding the topic, allowing the students to explore and learn the material in depth.  
Emily Kosterman - K4 Cross Classroom Differentiation - After Christmas, the students from both K4 classrooms will be grouped together according to their abilities.
- **Home & School Report -** Fall Fest was held in October, and a Scholastic Book Fair was held during the week in which Fall Fest occurred. The book fair was a huge success and raised \$9,000.00. The school will receive just under \$5,000.00 toward Scholastic books. SJV will be purchasing new books and using a few shelves in the library for a new book section that will house the books until they are placed onto the main shelves.

Upcoming Home & School events include the Secret Santa Shop on December 8, 2017, and the Daddy/Daughter Dance on January 6, 2018. Home & School is also working on a mother/son event, possibly bowling.

- **Sub-Committee Chair Reports -**  
Advancement - The signs and posters advertising our January School Open Houses are being printed. All of the School Committee members will be placing the outdoor signs around our community on December 8th. The outdoor signs can remain up for 30 days, at which time all of the School Committee members will collect those signs, as well as the posters that have been displayed at businesses and the like throughout the community. As decided by the School Committee last year, the morning Open House session has been replaced with a second evening session, due to low turnout at the morning session.

Long Range Planning - The Shamrock Success was completed and went out with the first quarter report cards. Alumni Directory - A great amount of information to update the directory has come in from class agents, as well as a table set up after Mass. Now all of the data needs to be inputted. December 4, 2017, is the deadline for inputting the information into the directory, so that alumni can be invited to the SJV 60th Anniversary celebration and building dedication.

Policy - The sub-committee continues to work to update the SJV Parent-Student Policy Handbook to be in compliance with the new and revised Archdiocese of Milwaukee Policy Manual 2017-18. At its last meeting, the sub-committee reviewed and revised policies addressing Academic Expectations and Weapon Free Zones.

Finance Update - Sub-committee members continue to meet with Pam Pyzyk to review and go over the monthly financials and budget.

## **2. Decisions Made**

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

## **4. Next Meeting: Date/Major Agenda Items**

- **January 15, 2018**

### **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:**