

# **Format for Committee Reports St. John Vianney Parish**

**Name of Committee:** School Committee

**Date of Meeting:** January 21, 2019

**Members Present:**

Sara Dwyer, Vice-Chair  
Kelly Rauch, Secretary  
AnnMarie Hoyme  
John Sloane  
Pat Bergin  
Karla Schmidt  
Principal Brian Shimon  
JoAnn Cekanor, Pastoral Council Liaison  
Shannon Wessing, Home & School Liaison

**Members Absent:**

Laura Russell, Chair  
Andy Schmitz  
Aimee Sullivan

**Guests:**

Gerise Grzeszczak Teacher  
Sue Aigner, Teacher

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

Principal's Report –

- Standards based grading continues - Last Friday the Arch had a workshop. There are parent and teacher work teams to have parent education opportunities. Elmbrook and Wauwatosa are following standards based grading and are farther along in their journey. February 15th, SJV will lead the education with St. Mary's in the Falls, St. Mary's in Elm Grove, and St. Dominic's. The Arch has not mandated this but they are guiding the vision. All 110 plus Catholic schools are a part of this process and creating the program. The goal is to accelerate the learning process but giving more targeted feedback.
- Brian will forward a presentation already created to the committee. Pat was asked to be on the core team for this committee as he voiced some concerns in this change and his research that is not in support of this change. They will be implementing K5 through 8th grade starting with the next school year.
- MAPS testing is from January 14th through February 1st. This information is shared with families and used in the small group meetings for students.
- WiFi is being upgraded with funding from BIDS for Kids. A contract was signed and but then a wiring vendor needs to be selected. A plan is being created to forecast how technology will continue to enhance education. Potentially looking at one to one technology per student.
- K3 section is full with a few 2 day slots open. There are students on the waiting list to consider a second section. The position is not yet posted but there is internal interest. Current enrollment is

still in process. Brian will call current families who have not yet enrolled in the next few weeks. Brian will bring more information to the next meeting. John requested that we analyze why K4 students leave to better target. Many K4 kids have older siblings already in public school. Brian has past data that he can share.

- Early childhood open house had 25 families attend. Feedback was positive regarding the parent involvement. A majority were interested in the K3 program. The K4 program still needs more enrollment. Brian personally called every parish family with a 3 year old to ask them about their interest in the program.
- Sustaining the Mission is for staff education. Level 3 staff will be going to Marquette for an activity regarding children and prayer.
- Catholic Schools Week Celebrations are organized and will be communicated in the Shamrock Weekly.
- 9 Days for Life Novena is being done with the all school. It is an intention and respect for life.
- Annual fund report out is at \$109,000. We started 6 weeks behind from last year, but we are only a few grand behind where we were at last year. The goal is \$150,000.
- Upcoming events will be in the Shamrock Weekly.

#### Teacher's Reports

- Mrs. Aigner - 8th graders have been getting ready for Catholic Schools week. They turned in their essays and have been picked to present at the mass. The students were very thoughtful in their essays. They are also preparing an activity for the virtue families.
- Mrs. Grzeszcak - Launch your faith with rockets on the door. Asked the students for feedback on how they are doing and they will come up with ideas. They are investigating how much water is ideal for a plant and measuring the results.

#### Home and School

- Reviewed the by-laws the last two meetings. They want to update their role as fundraisers. The by-laws say they are but other direction has been they should not. Brian is working with Robb to provide more clarity. They are also reviewing their length of service on the committee as it states currently is it a one year term.
- Daddy/daughter dance is coming in February. They will be offering a coding class on Mondays and have the Mad Science class on Fridays.
- The middle schoolers will run a box top competition in spring.
- They are still looking for trivia chairs and committee members. They need 10 more people.

#### Subcommittee Overview

- Advancement - will be updating the sign map. The open house was successful. Tami, the video vendor sent an updated contract.
- Long Range Planning - Updated the survey and all changes were approved. We are ahead of schedule and are working with Janelle to get it all set up.
- Policy - Voted to approve the Lands End fleece with the SJV logo. Anne Marie will set this up with Lands End and then it will come out in the Shamrock Weekly. Reviewed K3 specific policies. Presented policy updates where we are replacing the SJV version for the Arch procedures within the Discipline Policy and Bully and Harassment Policy.

- Strategic Planning Update - Midyear update is required and will be a review of where we are at. The committee heads will review and report back by next week to Sara.

**2. Decisions Made**

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

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

**February 11, 2019**

**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: