

Format for Committee Reports St. John Vianney Parish

Name of Committee: School Committee

Date of Meeting: April 29, 2019

Members Present: Laura Russell, Chair
Sara Dwyer, Vice-Chair
Kelly Rauch, Secretary
Aimee Sullivan
Ann Marie Hoyme
John Sloane
Pat Bergin
Karla Schmidt
Principal Brian Shimon
Joann Cekanor, Pastoral Council Liaison
Shannon Wessing, Home & School Liaison

Members Absent: Joann Cekanor, Pastoral Council Liaison
Andy Schmitz

Guests: Susan Dree, Teacher
Barb Novy, Teacher
Deborah Schroeder, Teacher
Heather Ferber, Potential Member
Colleen Gilbert, Potential Member

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

Principal's Report –

- VBRD May event is hope – 8th grade will put the activity together.
- MAP Skills pilot – Progress monitoring (more frequent checks to confirm things are on track). Student can take a quiz and then the teacher can change approach as needed. It is also used as a pre-assessment and post-assessment. This is being piloted in the 6th grade for math. Allows the teacher to focus on the exact area that students are not excelling in. The pilot is free but the potential fee would be around \$500 per year for the school.
- Andy Stith has been working on a principal panel to get them to SJV (CMH, DSHA, MUHS). This is in reaction to a perceived doubt of SJV students excelling as they move into high school. They are working on a date which may be in the fall. The data is very strong to support our students are ready for these top tier high schools.
 - Recommend that we show more benchmark data. Compare us to public and private schools with data.

- Create a one pager for parents to high light concrete information. Share this with middle school families.
- Highlight merit scholarships, the number of SJV students in advanced classes. 3 of the top 10 kids at Marquette came from SJV based on the entrance exam. Grace Akin was valid victorian at DSHA. Percentage that have gone on to college.
- Many families are doing math outside of SJV to supplement. Parents ask why do other parents supplement math skills? This supplemental learning is going on at public schools as well.
- Believe we should look at trends. Look back 5-10 years of entrance test data.
- SJV is one of the few Catholic schools that offers electives as a response to parent requests.

Teacher's Reports

- Susan Drees, 2nd grade – First communion is this weekend. Will also have the living rosary which is May 9th at 1:30. 2nd graders work with the 8th graders to be the beads of the rosary. The children finished animal reports where they researched on the computer and completed them at school.
- Barb Novy, 3rd grade – Met their pen pals via a field trip. On May 17th, the class is going to the Milwaukee Art Museum through a grant through Kohl's.
- Deborah Schroeder, 6th grade ELA – 6th graders are going to the Art Museum with Mrs. Bach as well. The middle school has over 1200 service hours through 2nd quarter. Last year, they were well over 3000 hours for 6-8th grade. The servant leadership students are volunteering tomorrow to read with the next door foundation. There is a high focus on service to the school, church and their communities.

Home and School

- Wrapping up home and school. Will be taking a review of the teacher appreciate budget to see what is left. If there is any money left, they may give an end of the year gift.
- Want to categorize the volunteer opportunities based on time commitment to see if that can help bring more people on board to volunteer. Want to get more young families to get involved. Want to have an evening to give information and have people get together and sign up.
- High Interest Day is ready to go.
- Book fair will be one night on fine arts night.
- Potentially talking about a golf outing as a community building event and not to raise money.
- Alumni hall of fame – highlighting the families of multiple generations of SJV grads.
- Festival sign up ideas – Kathy has reached out to Shannon to get people interested and involved. School family involvement was very low last year.
- Back to school bash will be right after orientation to encourage participation.
- Dine outs for May 16th
- May 11th is the chess tournament at SJV. 9:30 to 2:30. We will be doing a fundraiser for the robotics program.

Subcommittee Overview

- Advancement – Soup cans for the festival (100 cans) with branding. Shamrock Success potentially moving to this team from long range planning. But collectively, this data should be collected before the end of the year using Sara's spreadsheet. We have poor data on the Arch website regarding schools. Idea to have a yard sign of the proud parent of a SJV student. Angela will be reaching out to a neighboring school regarding student ambassadors who give the tour of the school. Idea of creating a middle school mailer for students of that age in the parish.

- Long Range Planning – Have survey results and are just starting to analyze them. We were down in participation this year (down 20 families year over year). Technology had many do not know responses which shows are families are not aware in this area. Also area of improvement for math or parent's impression of the child's competency in math. We are considering moving to the Arch tool which allows a more 360 approach which would allow staff involvement. This would also allow us a baseline for accreditation which will occur in 3 years. A readout will occur to this committee in May.
- Policy – Reviewed the food policy and felt no changes needed to be made at this time. CPR training will be donated by Paratech for staff. Brian will coordinate a date for this. More information added on fever and illness to the handbook. Concussion information will be added to the health room regarding concussion protocol.
- Budget – Will be concluded next week. Greg has been a great addition to the team. The budget for school faces challenges just like the parish does. The parish did not give the school any more money. There has been a reduction in students and a reduction in students. This may require a reduction in force. Need to attract 40-50 K4 and K5 students as they tend to stay enough to sustain the school. Enrollment number is in the 300 range minus K3 students. Currently only have 1 section of K3, but are close to a second section opening.
- Handed out tentative dates for 2019 and 2020 school committee meetings.

2. Decisions Made

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

4. Next Meeting: Date/Major Agenda Items

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:**