

St. John Vianney Parish Committee Minutes

Committee: School Committee

Meeting Date: 10/14/19

Attendance: X = Present; E = Excused; A = Absent (*Enter committee member names below*)

X	Sara Dwyer	X	Pat Bergin	E	Angela Bravata
X	Karla Schmidt	X	Jamie		
X	Andy Schmitz	X	Brian Shimon		
X	Colleen Gilbert	X	Aimee Sullivan		
X	John Sloane	X	Shannon Wessing		
X	Kelly Rauch	X	Heather Ferber		

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

- **Teachers Report – Rachel Borkowski, Carol Lyles-Schwarz, and Kelsey Jaeger – K4 Team**
 - They use the Seesaw app to communicate between parents and kids to show what the kids are doing during the day; It is like an Instagram for the kids. This helps with the home and school connection and helps with parent information. The teachers now have iPads to facilitate this.
 - Job sharing update between Kelsey and Carol – going very well; positive feedback from parents – communicate even more about the students. They can communicate when the kids are napping and they have a log each day to understand what is going on each day. They also text during the day to update each other.
- **Principals Report:**
 - Feedback was very positive from the Principals Panel. The school committee really thought it went well. Others stated they wished we would have done this sooner. This was a validation that this was the right message at the right time. The committee was impressed that the principals went and found the specific SJV data and knew the kids to add anecdotal data. The committee was disappointed that more people didn't come to the presentation and are glad the meeting will go online. Some families asked Heather for the recording, so this should be posted and notified via facebook group. The committee also heard other people say they were already sold on a Catholic education, so they didn't need to attend. Others may not have understood that it was more about the great performance of our SJV students than sending your kids to catholic high school.
 - Reminder of the SJV Brookfield Current Parents facebook page and to promote it more.
 - There will be more to come once the presentation is pulled into bite size pieces and ready for publication. It will be used in other marketing efforts. Such as ideas of pew cards for this or small pieces of the presentation during the announcements before mass. Also on the monitors in the parish center and sacristy. Potentially put an insert in the bulletin. Pew cards could get more traction. Angela is working on the bite size pieces of video.
 - Idea of having a person staff a station at the SJV festival during the day hours to promote the school.

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- Present this to the K3 and K4 families – using these programs for subsidized daycare, so they are a good group to market to. Talk to Angela about a drip campaign to market to the younger children.
- Idea of updating the data each year; concern that 8th grade is a small in size to update next year's data.
- Per Pat, the scores were not that much higher than Brookfield public schools. Feels there are holes in how the data was presented. The sample element is not the same in attending the different schools. A huge factor is related to having to pay tuition. Felt what he saw was presented very well but doesn't stand up to critical analysis. Feels when you look at it, there are very small differences in the two paths.
- Per Heather, she comes from a data driven background. Wanted to know how many kids surveyed, what was the sample size. But the purpose was met that our kids are getting a solid education at SJV that prepares them for high school. Feels her kids' major needs right now is about formation of the children and not just the academics. There are no poor school choices in this area. If you are purely looking at academics, the Catholic schools have a rough road.
- Per Brian, this is the first of many parent information sessions. Is there a good day? The sooner the schedule is published the better. Should this be once a quarter or once a month?
 - Topics:
 - Standards based learning and grading is next – Need more than one session of this. Get an RSVP for this. Ask for questions in advance. Highly encourage attendance at one of these sessions. Target November for these sessions or maybe early December. Potentially have food. Shannon would help with childcare. The arch is putting out a parent manual but it is a rough draft. Show the process of a child's first draft, teacher response, then the next draft; show the iterative process. Ideally would like an expert or professor who can speak to this, but this might be a follow up meeting. Need to relate it to the level of the parents and not too academic. No high schools in our districts have implemented this yet.
 - Committee feedback that it feels it can be a step back in that it doesn't teach you to get it right the first time; will be a rude awakening when a kid gets to Marquette High. Brian disagrees as he thinks it shows work ethic.
 - Brian will ask for more input once he starts building the presentation.
 - Committee wants to show Maps skills which was just implemented – to show student growth.
 - ALEX – PTA paid for this; web based math supplemental program. All levels of students can use this; higher level students can go beyond their current class. It goes up to calculus.
 - Bullying and restorative work (VBRD)
 - Online safety
- Principal's repot
 - Maps testing is completed; results coming out this week.

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- Teachers have SMART professional goals; tracking a child or children to show progress based on tactics; sharing out at staff meetings on the progress. Working on interventions and they are shared with parents.
- VBRD – Commit to helping others to live with virtue for quarter two.
- **Home and School Report by Shannon Wessing**
 - 6th grade girl scout group will donate \$2000 to home and school as they disband. They want the mother daughter dance to be funded for a few years; also want to purchase something for the school.
 - Trivia night – new format we all need to embrace as new people stepped up to do this. It will all be electronic for the new format. Shannon is asking people to be positive and support this. Sara Scholls, Katie Nova, Matt Fricker (only 5 on the committee versus 10 last year)
 - Grandparents day coming up – volunteers have it well planned. Is there an opportunity to talk about the annual fund? There will be an envelope in the bag the grandparents get.
 - Veterans Day – Jen Van Kirk and John (military); will have a 30 minute assembly so the vets can join the kids at lunch. Want this to be a parish/school event. Want to create posters to honor service of vets; pictures of them in active service, and other information for kids to guess who is who. Brian would play taps. Thank you notes for the veterans via art or homeroom? Will be communicated via Shamrock Weekly and parish bulletin.
- **Other Updates:**
 - 2019/2020 School Strategic Plan – Can submit updates to the plan in the end of January.
 - Policy and Finance have not met yet.
 - Review this and look at what we didn't complete to roll this into the 2020/2021 plan.
 - Evolution of School Committee Governance – Sarah, John, and Brian met with Tom, Marquette High and received recommendations from Tom and need to discuss them. Common theme is that we need more members in this group. We need to very actively recruit parish members that are not active school families. Ideally someone in another phase of life like a retired educator who wants to give back. Recommendations will be solidified and brought back to this group for discussion. Then they will be brought forward to pastoral council for review. Should compare this to what the Arch recommends like we do for policy. Tom does come in to consult within committees. Hoping to have recommendations to share in the November meeting.
 - Diversity of thought and a stakeholder from the parish is important as the parish funds the school. It is a full commitment to attend all appropriate meetings.
 - What year round branding can we do? Signs are only for one month. Idea of movies for free to community building. Like SJV bumper stickers? Will do facebook ads for open house. SJV does bus marketing for the festival. Is there a way to work with realtors for school? Idea of giving information to realtors to

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provide to prospective families. Does Brookfield have a welcome committee?
We don't think so.

- Policy – Can we look at Land’s End for a gym option? Regular gym uniforms are through Burgharts; but can we have a secondary option. What is the commitment to Burghart? Is there a way to be more flexible with this option? Can take 3 weeks to get the gym uniform in. Not consistent that we require a logo for gym uniforms but not for regular school clothes. Idea of having logoed items at the SJV festival.
- After school program – The kids are not being checked out to confirm who picks them up and checks the kid off the list. Specials are safe guarded trained. There are not volunteers to support this. School committee took this away. Had a parent volunteer walk them to the special and in theory the kids were checked in and checked out. Contract is to take them to aftercare.
- Should email blasts come from the vendors? Can we prevent this? Shannon can talk to Renee. Unsure how they get this data.
- Chess scholars will be all year. Chess scholars is putting together a promotional video and to use our kids.

2. Decisions Made

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3. Action/Follow Up Items

Action Item	Who is Responsible?	Target Date
Standards Based Learning Review of Content	Brian Shimon and Committee	10/29/19
Evolution of SC Governance	Sara Dwyer and Brian Shimon	12/31/19

4. Next Meeting Date: 11/19/19 for School Committee

Respectfully Submitted,
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School Committee Secretary

ATTN Parish Council

- ❑ FYI. No action needed at this time