



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

AGENDA: August 14, 2024

Call to Order: 6:32pm

Attendance: Pat, Phil, Ivan, Yung, Kevin, Erica, Daniel, Andy, Beth, Angela, David, Fr. Stephen, Mrs. Thompson & Meredith (virtually)

Opening Prayer

Introduction (Andy): June Minutes 2nd approved by Adny, Phil & Daniel.

- Upcoming Events
 - Hoopsgiving
 - Sat Nov. 23rd
 - Call for Volunteers.
 - Prep work for sponsorships
 - Day before Cafeteria & gym setup (talk to Fr Stephen about asking the faith formation trip to do their loading in a different Church Area)
 - Day of check in- concessions- operations- Jaguar Shootout -etc.
- Christmas Parade
- Picnic Success!!!
 - The tables went well.
 - Short on some food
- Misc
 - Welcome new members Ivan & Erica

Principal Report (Ms. Thompson)

- Enrollment
 - Somewhere in the 280s
 - 10-12 families had to pull applications.
 - Financial
 - Learning difficulties
- Middle School resource
 - The new staff are using a proactive approach.
 - Optimistic about its impact

- Back to School Night
 - Next Wed. (8/21)
- Staffing
 - New School nurse & Health coordinator
 - Acclimation ongoing
- Misc
 - Staff working around outdoor time shortage due to extreme heat.
 - Title I tutoring beginning in Sep.
 - 34 students receiving assistance by 4 teachers.

Pastor Report (Fr. Stephen)

- Staff Reduction
 - Email went out to community with explanations.
- Columbarium filled.
- New Pastoral seminarian coming in Sep. (John Cavana)
 - Will collaborate with school in some capacities.
- Construction debt campaign down by almost half!

Financial Report (Phil)

- Review of Post Jun Financials
 - Budget favorable on operational funds
- New Textbooks, licensing, Security Guard, School health coordinator paid through the GAPS grant.
- Recent expenses
 - Parking lot repavement
 - New Dell warranty on teacher machines
- Donations
 - Endowments & Athletics department received donations totaling \$7,000.
- Misc
 - End of 23-24 was an overall success financially.
 - Auction proceeds & Hoopsgiving proceeds will be added to the tuition assistance.

- Discussion needs to be had on allocation of funds collected from NTGD 2023 *(Kevin added editorially)*
- A special thank you to Michelle Smithson for all her assistance on the financial growth/operation of the Church/School *(Kevin added editorially)*

Marketing (Daniel)

- School will be ending Hootsuite & HOA community ads in cost saving measures.
- School will continue Google Ads, Parish ads & new banners.
- Still continuing with NICHE & Private School review ads and engagement
- Open House volunteers should try and attract younger families for diversity in experiences *(Kevin added editorially)*

Community Vitality (Beth)

- Highlighting success of Back-to-School Picnic
 - Pitched idea of younger (Pre-K - 2nd) grade post mass Playground meet ups & picnics.
- Youth Sports
 - Continue recruiting efforts for athletes & coaching.
 - Sharing involvement opportunities for non SJCS sports in Family GroupMe's
 - Idea presented to collect demographical information in order to create a network of athletic leagues/teams in Rec leagues to create SJCS teams in non-SJCS leagues. *(Kevin added editorially)*
- GroupMe
 - Acclimation is ongoing, information is easier shared in GroupMe, and connections are being built.
 - Some grades GroupMe are continually active.
- Misc
 - "Blessed to have the Dad's Club" Beth
 - Mom's Club starting up in Sep with meet ups and activities.
- New Families & Mentor Families
 - New Email going to mentor families with outreach topics and examples of content for connections.

Catholic Identity (Yung)

- Want to develop a consistent usage of virtue curriculum.
- Discussion on teacher ideas on Religion Curriculum

- Follow up needed on data collection discussion/meetings with teachers.
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)
 - A method of catechesis based upon the belief that in order to best serve the religious needs and capacities of children, especially the youngest children, there needs to be a prepared environment called the atrium and a prepared adult called the catechist. *(Kevin added editorially)*
 - Been at SJCC since 2018
 - The average child in CGS knows more about the church than some adults.
 - Instituted in Kinder now moving to 1st and 2nds.
 - Times TBD (shorten from the standard 2 hours a week)
 - Struggle to find space and professors due to the extensive length of training to be official professors (100+ hours) (Kevin added editorially)
 - Yung scheduling meetings with Fr Stephen for discussion on clergy involvement
- Alter Server training takes place on Saturdays in general.
 - Kevin Daigrepoint takes the lead on training for all in school Altar servers.

Academics/Blue Ribbon (Angela)

- Not moving forward with an application this year due to test scores
 - Addition of Middle School resource officer should assist in scores & future applications.
- Student Government
 - Need for a faculty advisor.
 - Potential to ask Mrs. Milian
 - Need for records search for prior by-laws or lead the development of new By-laws.
 - Benchmarking of areas/ peer institutions for StuGov operations

Review of 2024/2025 Strategic Plan

- Discussions tabled until Sep meeting.
 - Changes to plan items will be done proactively before Sep meeting but discussion will take place at Sep meeting *(Kevin added editorially)*
 - Phil advocated that the Sep meeting should also include a review of Strategic plan items to have an “official review of endowment decisions” and specific endowment info in the Strategic plan should be edited to reflect that.

Round the Room/Misc.

- There will be a new review board for school spirit wear & uniform distribution companies as the current vendors are not meeting expectations.

- Another call for Hoopsgiving volunteers
- Highlights Yung & SJCS staff work on the Volunteer form that was distributed at the Welcome Back Picnic (everyone has gifts they can give to the school)
- Short discussion on the language of parent/family volunteer hour “requirements”
 - Hurdle is how would we track the hours if required & what’s the accountability (*Kevin added editorially*)
- Closed with a review of the SAC call to action- We are not a decision-making body. Mrs. Thompson and Fr Stephen are the decision makers for the school land parish respectively the SAC exist to make recommendations regarding such decisions.

Closing Prayer: 8:05