



# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**AGENDA:** January 18, 2023

**Meeting Started 6:30pm**

**Attendees:** In person: Beth, Angela, Pat, Fran, Daniel, Father Stephen  
Online: David, Andy, Meredith, Phil

## **Opening Prayer**

**Announcements:** Sandra is leaving SAC due to other obligations – We thank her for your service to SAC over the years.

## **Introduction (Andy)**

- Review and approve December meeting minutes. Pat Motions to approve, Andy – 2nds
- Upcoming Events (volunteers welcomed)
  - Community Sunday (in Dining Hall), January 21, 2024
    - School will have a table in the Dining Hall near the Auction Table. Ms. Thompson asked if SAC members can help with school tours and table.
  - Open House February 6, 2024 (9 am & 5:30 pm) – SAC members please come help is available
  - PSIA, February 24, 2024 – Need Parent Volunteers for the day, please email Julie Bozarth
  - PTO Meeting, March 21, 2024 – Tech and Social Media Presentation for parents. Dips and Derby Auction Fundraiser will have a Dips contest and purchase a plate to sample the dips.
  - Perot Night – 2/5 – PTO hosting, Fun science night for families
  - Advertise the PTO events on the parent GroupMe's
  - There was no St. Joseph add in Texas Catholic Paper for Catholic Schools week, but will make sure to get in on the big graduation issue.

## **Principal report (Ms. Thompson)**

- GAPS/EANS Projects Update:
  - EANS is over.
  - GAPS just approved new furniture for the lower school (5<sup>th</sup> grade and down). Presidents Day (Monday 2/19) furniture will be delivered. Need community help to sell the old furniture. Dad's club will help move everything out to the parking lot for a yard sale. Need to advertise in the bulletin and any other places.
- 2/9 – School Mass for Ms. Kim's Mother who passed recently.
- Enrollment/Open House
  - Enrollment currently at 288 – Lost 5 students over break. Some had been on the waiting list at the Academy for years and just got accepted. The academy goes through High School.



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- Open House Feb. 6 - 9am and 5:30pm: Please come help if you can.

## **DeCATS update from Pat:**

- It's a Diocesan program: Junior level (Grades 3-5) and Senior level (Grades 6-8)
- It provides deeper learning through discovery or Mentor teaching. It is intense fun and the kids choose the activities to sign up for.
- It's a gifted program students are invited to apply to and attend. It's for 3 weeks in the summer.
- St. Joseph just sent in their recommendations for the program this year.

## **Pastor report (Fr. Stephen)**

- Parish Staffing has had a lot of changes, but because staff are going on to even better things, new jobs, retirement, etc.
- All open positions have now been filled
- Debt is now under 1M
- Hosting Cardinal from Ethiopia soon. Hoping he can help build and keep our Ethiopian Community. He will be able to say Mass in the Ethiopia rite for that community.
- Changes to come to faith formation next year based on feedback from current families.
- Community Sunday will have a pancake breakfast in AM and Tacos in PM
- Passion Mission in Feb. during Lent – Franciscan Friar here for a special talk – babysitting will be available.

## **Finance (Phil) July-Nov Look – Overall looks great**

- There is some unplanned internet expense for utilities
- Favorable Variance in most areas, mostly because we budgeted for things paid for with GAPS money

## **Community Vitality**

- **Parent Engagement (Beth)**
  - Pre-DPL Sports
    - Winter I9 Basketball
    - Spring Golf at Sherell Park
    - Summer I9
  - Clubs
    - Chess Club interest – possibly on Fridays during EDP – participants will pay the one day EDP fee to attend.
  - Parent's Mass w/Coffee and Donuts in Forum
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month – 1<sup>st</sup> one had a few parents attend
  - PTO Meeting—How can we better advertise?
  - Parent Engagement and Volunteerism
    - GroupMe's letting families know of upcoming events
    - After Hour Mom's Club the Church has going



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- Create and On Boarding Committee to help welcome new families and plan the back to school picnic
- Virtual Tour Video (**Maria**)
- Community Engagement (**Daniel**)
  - Open House Banners--Spring Valley sign post missing along with banner.
  - PSA Digital ad
  - St. Joseph Vitality Report – St. Joseph is growing – 84% Catholic
  - Google Stats
  - Niche Report (condensed) – Traffic is up – need more up to date reviews
  - Change ad strategy to have more in the fall when families are starting to do research for the next year and less ads pushed in the spring

**Around the room** – Highlights/head-ups feedback

- Annual Alumni Event – Will welcome High School Graduates back in May, but nothing planned for a larger mor expansive alumni event

**Closing prayer**

**Adjourned: 8:01pm**