



All Saints Catholic Academy
School Board Minutes
October 16, 2018

School Board Members Present: Chris Johanneson, Lauren Giroux, Luis Rodea, Dana Menendez, Christi Kluzak, Katie Coglianese, Marlon Lutifyya, Matt Smilak, Megan Thies, Anne-Marie Cronin

Ex-officio Members Present: Melissa Santos, Father Paul

Others Present: Diane Huber, Patty Bajek

Non-Voting Committee Reports

Athletics

- No report.
- Moving forward, Keith Glab will be the liaison between the Athletic Committee and the School Board and will give a written report to the Board President, Chris Johanneson, who will share it at the Board meetings.

SHPP

- Patty and Melissa will take turns reporting on SHPP activities at School Board meetings.
- Attendance at the first SHPP Meeting was 35 people and roughly 12 attended the second meeting.
- The Board reviewed philanthropy projects for each class.
- SHPP will continue to provide dinner for the teachers during the Parent/Teacher Conferences and will manage the faculty Christmas party.
- The goal of SHPP is to build community and merge parent groups.
 - The hospitality committee will team with the marketing committee to produce a new family welcome basket which will include an ASCA t-shirt for new students, among other things.
 - The chapel committee, the Celebrate Your Heritage and the Catholic identity committee will combine their efforts.
- Trunk or Treat takes place on Oct. 26, 2018.
- Grandparents Day is on Nov. 20, 2018.
- SHPP leadership has volunteers to cover every event that SHPP supports.

Pastor Report - Father Paul Hottinger, SMMP

- Father Paul met with the pastors from St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Thomas, Holy Spirit and Our Lady of Mercy to discuss the school.

Trustee Report

- The Board of Trustees was created out of the founding parishes to oversee the budget and was responsible for some fundraising to cover scholarships.

- The Board of Trustees developed a strategic plan and investigated a capital campaign. It was decided not to move forward with the capital campaign based on the results of the feasibility study.
- Currently the Board of Trustees has 10 members; Paul Weinenwuth is the Trustee President and Wayne Klein is the Trustee Vice-President.
- The Board of Trustees has two committees:
 - Development – Trustees will take over the annual appeal.
 - Follow-up with people who were willing to give to the capital campaign.
 - They will also lead a fundraising focus will be on the Early Childhood Academy -- Mark entrance for the preschool and make a special play area for the preschools; dig and play; shed for bikes, etc.
 - Parish Engagement
 - Trustees have a list of parents by parish to build a community; provide a tool kit for consistency – Marketing team will work with Board of Trustees to work on this initiative. Bob Hyak is leading this program.
 - Quarterly Board of Trustee meetings; committees will meet monthly.

Principal Report – Melissa Santos

- Parents will receive Iowa test scores with Q1 report cards.
- Through analysis of of Iowa test scores and commonly missed questions, Teachers have implemented common themes into curriculum and tests.
 - As an example: ASCA students aren't used to the "none of above" answer on the Iowa test.
 - Teachers have introduced the "none of above" as a multiple choice answer on tests last year, so students would get used to this type of question.
- Mrs. Santos reported the school year is off to a great start. She called parents who are new to the school and received positive feedback.

Agenda Items

New School Board Member

- Welcome to Meghan Thies from St. Thomas. She has a child in pre-school and in another one in second grade. Meghan is leading the marketing committee.

Empower Illinois Captain

- Background: A person who donates to the Empower Illinois Scholarship Program gets a 75% tax credit; These donors fund tuition/scholarships for needy students.
 - 67 ASCA students applied for an Empower Illinois scholarship; Two students who received the scholarship were new to the school.
 - The Board raised the question of what happens to the families that received a scholarship this year but don't receive a scholarship next year.
- Father Belmonte, Superintendent of the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Joliet, request a donor push where people donate to Empower Illinois vs. the school appeal.
 - ASCA raised \$16,000 last year to support Empower Illinois scholarships.
 - The Board agreed that we shouldn't have to rely on the government to fund our school;

Partners in Education – Tues. Nov. 6 at the Bishop Blanchette Catholic Center at 6:30 p.m.

- This is a School Board Member workshop and the focus will be on Empower Illinois.

SchoolSpeak Updates

- SchoolSpeak is a School Board portal to create a community of elementary School Boards within the Diocese of Joliet. The portal is used for School Boards to post meeting agendas and minutes to share best practices.
- ASCA School Board members will create their own profile on SchoolSpeak.

Year-End Financial Report to School Community

- Chris reviewed the year-end financials that will be distributed to the school community.

Anti-Bullying Program

- The goal of the program is to educate students and parents about the true meaning of bullying.
- Elementary teachers will teach lessons to their students and Jr. high teachers will teach lessons in the religion classes.
- Mrs. Kazlauskas is implementing a program called The Power of You, an 8th grade mentoring program for younger students.

Strategic Goal Tracker

- Mrs. Santos distributed the strategic goal tracker and the Board discussed the following goals that will be implemented during this 2018-2019 school year.
 - 2.4 Student Service: Increase student motivation at the Jr. High level. Initiatives include:
 - Bring back alumni to talk about if they could do 7th grade over, this is what they would do.
 - 8th grade Hesed House Christmas collection.
 - 5.9 Use assessments to collect accurate evidence. Initiatives include:
 - Data driven instruction; learn from tests; determine which students need more support; Pilot a few interventions.
 - 7.5 Faculty professional development to further implementation of technology advancement. Initiatives include:
 - Order more SmartBoards; company will provide training to teachers.
 - 14.2 & 14.3: Staff and teachers provide input on professional development opportunities.

Voting Committee Reports

Enrollment/Marketing

- No report.

Finance

- No report.

Facilities

- No report.

Catholic Identity

- The committee exchanged emails, ideas and conversations with various involved parties and their next step is to meet with interested parties to develop a Catholic identity vision.

Committee of Excellence

- No report.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 20th at 7:00 p.m.