



# February School Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 16, 2021  
6:59 PM

**School Board Members Present:** Kati Coglianese, Mike Devine, David Dieter, Christi Kluzak, Megan Thies, Gina Gilmore

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Fr. Paul Hottinger, Cyndi Collins, Margie Marshall, Chris Johanneson

**Others Present:** Patty Bajek, Diane Huber, Madonna Turner, Katy Mauer to report on SSVC, Jennifer McMahon & Courtney Devine to report on ASPA, Kevin Shaw, Christine Shaw & Bianca Adeoye who presented to the Board

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Megan Thies opened the meeting with a prayer for Black History Month

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## **SSVC Update was provided by Katy Mauer**

- Catalogue has been printed and on schedule to be proofed/distributed
- 50/50 raffle is up to \$9200
- A gracious family has funded the tuition credit raffle
- Invitations will go out next week
- Net profit is currently \$50K
- Various local restaurants may provide meal options for families attending the SSVC with a portion of profits going back to ASCA

## **ASPA Report was provided by Jennifer McMahon and Courtney Devine**

- This year's efforts for ASPA have been focused around the teachers and students
- ASPA supported teachers for Valentine's day parties, with room parents assisting
- ASPA's next meeting will be with committee leads, focused on end of year planning and also succession planning for the ASPA Board
  - Courtney Devine rolls off the ASPA Board next year and new leadership is needed (2 more parent leaders)
  - Jennifer McMahon is in her third term and new leadership is needed
- ASPA has contributed to the Beer and Bourbon basket for the SSVC
- If ASPA has leftover funds at the end of the year, ASPA would like to contribute them to the school's needs



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**Athletics Report was provided by Kati Coglianese**

- Sports have been cancelled for the rest of year, and the decision has not been made lightly and many have been consulted
- The priority for the year is the safety of the students and continuing in person instruction without interruption
- Spring sports will be monitored closely for the option to resume
- ASCA may be in need of a new Athletic Director for the 21-22 school year

**CID Report was provided by Christi Kluzak**

- Committee met Thursday and discussed the following:
  - Goal tracker for CID. Most CID goals on the Tracker are not ideal for the pandemic environment
  - Focus on Black History Month - next year planning should begin in November or December. This year, CID will provide prayer cards of Black Saints to students, as well as historical/current information on influential black individuals for families to explore
  - CID provided information on supporting parish Ash Wednesday services that Cyndi Collins included in Saints Speak last week
  - The remainder of the year will be spent focused on the goal tracker and setting a calendar for Diversity and Inclusion events

**Marketing Report provided by Megan Thies**

- No report this month as the meeting is scheduled for next week 2/23
- Focus of next meeting will be on strengthening the brand of ASCA, including testimonials from parents and students

**Mr. & Mrs. Shaw & Mrs. Adeoyo presented to the Board**

- Mr & Mrs. Shaw presented the following:
  - Reviewed timeline, from their perspective, of events that have occurred since 2/5 when a racial slur was carved into the junior high boys bathroom
  - Expressed that they would like stronger and more timely communication from the school, addressing both students and families
  - Would like ASCA to provide Diversity and Inclusion curriculum to students
  - Want for all children to feel safe at ASCA and to know that ASCA does not tolerate racially offensive behavior
  - Want to move forward with empathy in our hearts, rethink personal biases and be better for our own community
- Mrs. Adeoyo presented to the Board
  - Agreed with Mr. and Mrs. Shaw's presentation
  - Would like to use this moment as a lesson on how these types of situations should be addressed by the school

**Pastor Report presented by Fr. Paul**

- No report this month



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**Principal's report presented by Cyndi Collins**

- Followed up on actions being taken by the school administration in response to the offensive racial slur carved into the junior high boys bathroom, including but not limited to: an investigation, communications to ASCA community, consultation from Diocese, D&I consultants, pastors and fellow principals
- Fr. Bill O'Shea has been visiting with students virtually on a regular basis
- Ash Wednesday prayer service is tomorrow to distribute ashes
- Parents received survey from Diocese and results will be shared with ASCA. School Board Members should encourage fellow parents to complete the survey
- Mrs. Marshall returns to ASCA from maternity leave on March 1st

**Enrollment and Retention Report presented by Patty Bajek**

- Full report has been submitted to the Board in writing
- 100 new students have applied to ASCA to date
- No change in enrollment from last month
- Registration is strong for next year with 486 students enrolled. Capacity will be determined by the pandemic environment and student safety
- Enrollment has been strong from our supporting parishes with 17 new students from SMM, 31 from HS and 17 from STA
- Will discuss retention task force as an agenda meeting at the next marketing committee meeting

**School Board Updates presented by Kati Coglianese**

- New Board members should be recruited in the near future
- A VP for the 21-22 school year should be nominated in the near future
- Board needs to vote on the 21-22 school year calendar. Mrs. Marshall will work on this when she returns from maternity leave

Fr. Paul concluded the meeting in prayer

**Next Meeting is Tuesday, March 16th**