

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

Ex-Officio Members Present: Fr. Paul Hottinger

Others Present: Margie Marshall, Patty Bajek, Madonna Turner

Opening Prayer: Megan Thies

Approval of Minutes: February Meeting Minutes approved via Google Forms

Non-Voting Committee Reports:

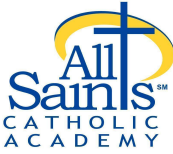
- ASPA (Kati):
 - Megan Elberts will be the new chairperson of ASPA in the 2021-2022 school year. She has a son in first grade.
 - Jenifer and Courtney will join us in the April meeting.
- ASAA (Kati/Margie):
 - ASCA is not participating in basketball this year, but only two schools are participating this year.
 - Track and Field is still TBD.
 - Keith still plans to be the ASAA Director for the 2021-2022 school year.

CID Committee (Christi Kluzak):

- Document was sent out for the parishes for Lent, Holy Week and Easter
- COVID practices are not changing for the year. Will explore further opportunities if COVID restrictions ease, but mostly discussing opportunities for next year.
- No further updates this month as the group will meet up next month.

Finance and Operations (Margie M. on behalf of Chris J. & Diane H.):

- Tuition revenue is on track.
- Budget for DDA to net \$90,000.



- Booster-thon outperformed the goal by \$17,000 when we made \$32,000.
- No material areas of concern.
- PPP assistance/loan has been released to the building reserve.
- Will invite legislators to visit the campus.
- We have some generous donations to help with Empower Illinois scholarships.
- Tuition increase very likely since no increases in the past several years.
- Open position posted for an Assistant Principal - part-time or full-time and may include some teaching as well as discipline.
- Discussion on an additional position for a President or Fundraising chairperson. Further discussion needed to discuss a President and/or fundraiser chairperson in the future.

Marketing Report (Megan Thies):

- Focus on taking work off of Patty's plate.
- We are close to capacity, so we are working on our brand and testimonials on the website vs. recruiting for the school.
- Considering a social media method for parents to comment on what ASCA means to them.
- "Be the light" campaign has been put on hold for the time being.
- Jenifer and Courtney will make calls to parents to assist with teacher's appreciation week.
- Retention should now focus on connecting people to the school such as 1) Volunteer drive – Margie will send out next week; 2) Coffee with Mrs. Marshall and donuts on small scale by grade; 3) Welcome Committee – some outdoor playdates for the kids – do it safely to build relationships.

Pastor Report (Fr. Paul):

- Concern on the incident regarding the word on the wall in the bathroom.
- Social consciousness is an opportunity for the school.
- Diversity is key to our school and how we handle such situations.
- Fr. Paul offered to provide assistance by talking at a forum with the parents.

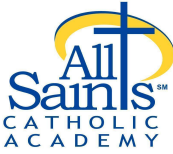


Principal Report (Margie Marshall)

- Racial Slur Incident Updates:
 - Met with one of the families and the words, '*opportunity*' came up many times in this meeting.
 - Have spoken to students, families, and had numerous discussions with staff and some of the parents directly involved.
 - Encouraged students to tell and come forward.
 - Education plan includes a half-day for a professional to come in and talk to teachers about diversity & inclusion (March 26). Start with faculty and staff then move to parents and then students.
 - Cultural inclusion matrix on ways to celebrate diversity and be more inclusive.
 - We do have support of Bishop Hicks and the diocese.
 - Continued discussion around the racial slur incident and next steps.
- Academic Updates:
 - Week of April 12th IAR test only 10 students may be affected.
 - Iowa math and reading tests for all students K-8 after spring break.
 - Posted positions for reading specialist, STEM, Assistant Principal, and enrichment specialist.
 - STEAM lab through Creative Learning Systems is a turnkey approach based on age, manipulatives. All software is Chrome based now. 3D printer, robotics, etc. Planning is done at the beginning and then the teacher can modify them.

Agenda Items

- Enrollment Update (Patty Bajek):
 - Not much change since last month's report.
 - One kindergartner is moving & has left the school.
 - Possibly 1 new student.
 - This fall, enrollment capacity will be increasing.
 - With current family re-enrollment, the addition of new siblings, the return of some of our 1st quarter virtual learners, and robust



new family registration, total students seeking enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year total 553 students.

- As we are evaluating classroom availability and capacity, realistically, enrollment will fall in the range of 487-537 students, and some waitlisting may result.
 - Concerns on how to keep enrollment going with parents who want to have their entire family here.
 - Exploring the idea of modular classrooms.
 - Margie is looking for a reading specialist.
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- 8th Grade Graduation & end of year activities – (Margie Marshall)
 - Focus on doing as much as we can do.
 - Bueller Day - still on for going downtown Chicago.
 - Graduation will include a Mass.
 - A dinner dance for the students is a possibility.
 - Stay tuned next month for more details.
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- School Board Updates: - (Margie Marshall/Kati Coglianese)
 - Working on new memberships.
 - School parents, parish council, and at-large.
 - Planning, marketing, long-range policy development, overseeing maintenance and overall financial conditions and operations committee.
 - Will be sending out a note to the entire school community opening up the option to volunteer to be on the School Board.
 - Will hold off on selecting a VP of the School Board of Directors until we have a full board.

Next Meeting April 20, 2021

Closing Prayer Fr. Paul
