

San Francisco de Asis School Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday January 25, 2021
6:45-7:45pm SFDA Parish

Mission: San Francisco de Asis Catholic School, through the life and example of Saint Francis, provides a culture where all can encounter the living Christ. We become faithful disciples by **F**ollowing Christ and His Church, **A**cquiring knowledge, **I**nspiring daily conversion, **T**aking responsibility, and **H**elping others.

Vision: San Francisco de Asis Catholic School-A Catholic education embracing discipleship and academic excellence for tomorrow's leaders.

Values: Collaboration, Discipleship, Parent involvement, Service, Stewardship

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Attendance: Kathryn Feuquay, Kevin Conto, Fr. Will, Fr. Ian, Mr. Carroll, Ms. Witt, Kevin Conto, Jason Cota, Kent Powell, Abraham Hiel.

Also present: Tyrell Holyan, Parent of 3 current students, 1 former student

Agenda

- 1) **Opening prayer:** (6:45pm) Fr. Will

- 2) **Approval of November Minutes-** already completed by email vote; need to verify that they are online

- 3) **Reports:**
 - A) Principal's Report- Mr Carroll
 - B) Pastor's Report-Fr Will
 - Welcome of Fr. Ian to the board. Intends to come to meetings often. Fr. Ian is a current teacher of Theology in middle school. Reminder we are the only Catholic middle school to have a priest teaching.
 - All 5 priests are finally healthy after contracting COVID.
 - March will have 5 Thursdays. We will start Evenings of Restoration. Inviting everyone to gather school and community.
 - Re: Strategic Lead. Found Margaret Brown who has experience and is enthused to begin. Fr. Will and Margaret will determine potential meet times before the end of school year (poss. late April, early May). Let Margaret walk us through a plan. Meet separately from the parish.
 - Question from Abraham: Bylaws for board; will this be evaluated during this meeting? (Answered: Perhaps. Might be able to individually review samples beforehand as a group and then send feedback to Strategic plan for possible review. Mr. Carroll needs these more than Margaret for this particular meeting.
 - Question from Kent: Do we need Diocesan oversight on bylaws? (Answered: no)
 - Question from Angela: Are there existing bylaws (Answer: yes, outdated and need to be updated).
 - Sandy Freight from Parish office now working full time admin assistant for Anna

and Fr. Will. Stepped away from duties at Newman Center. Looking for a person with a background in Finance to help Fr. Matt: "It wasn't a poach!"

- Bishop Olmstead turned 70 on Friday. Required to submit a letter of resignation to Rome. Age limit. Process of acceptance of resignation could take 3 months or up to 3 years. At some point, we will have a new Bishop.
- (7:00 pm) Put up job posting for Fr. Ian's position at middle school. Looking for someone he can work with intimately but give him more time to work directly with school.
- Need to get together a list for *Together Let Us Go Forth* to determine how we want to spend the money.
- Likely set in stone: looking at a Deanery restructure. We currently have the largest geographic deanery in the United States. Revising this to make them smaller. Some time in the next month should be finalized (probably: Flagstaff, Grand Canyon, Williams, Ashfork, Seligman).

C) Teachers' Report- (7:08pm) Ms Witt

- Back to school for teachers has been tough, but I feel supported.
- Community aspect has improved and is getting better (anecdotal).
- Looking forward to Catholic Schools Week, which is great for morale. Kids just got Dress Up Days.
- Talent Show auditions started today.
- Spring Sports beginning. Boys and girls basketball. Rebuilding the program because they haven't played in a couple of years. Students are excited.
- Glory Stories: 10am mass on Sunday. Four students receiving sacraments this year! Speaks to our community that after one year they are joining our parish. Wow. Also had students asking with enthusiasm if we get to pray on Adoration Monday. What we do together is working and inspiring students.
- (7:12 pm)

Mr. Caroll

- School has been hit pretty hard with COVID. It's everywhere. First week 25% in quarantine, then 30% quarantine. Seems to be through the surge and are down to a few more kids. Teachers are doing a really good job of sending work home.
- Able to get laptops with government funds for teachers to take home when necessary to combat Learning Loss.
- In the middle of Star benchmark testing. Reading now, math coming. Results show growth already. So even though kids are in quarantine, not showing drastic Learning Loss.
- Hired a Kindergarten Aid M-F who also helps with other grades.
- Counselor starting on Monday. Will be here 12 hours a week. Support with Family
- Hiring an interventionist beginning February. Logistics of funding will determine full-time hours. Once this is approved, we will have coaching for the teachers.
- Catholic Schools week will officially start on Thursday with a grade-specific novena.
- (7:20) Starting after school tours and kindergarten open house. Will do eucharistic procession with Fr. Dan through the school and to the church.

D) PTG Report: Representative not present, meeting was canceled last week. PTG

luncheon for teachers on Friday. Teachers will also get gifts each day of Catholic Schools Week. Luncheon on Friday at Oakmont.

4) Strategic Plan Review

(7:23 pm) Kevin.

- CEA Update: Little low on individual tax credit: 146k vs 182k last year. Working with Liz Aldridge to start calling campaign. Push toward previous givers and parishioners and families who haven't given but have the means.
- Mr. Carroll STO will come to school on Feb 3 for an information session for parents.

7:29 Complete Build Out (Feuquay)

- Capital campaign funds list: Diocese earmarked 500k money for capital funds. Updating price lists and needs. Can be used to update curriculum. Still seeking input from teachers. School Bus as a wishlist item. Goal to have this done by the February Meeting.

Enhance Parish and School Connection

- (7:36pm) Kathryn. Hindered by COVID, but possible ideas: Superbowl watch party w/ possible childcare, trivia, games, etc; Trivia night w/ possible childcare, poss Feb 25; Lent Fish Fry or Soup; Outdoor Kite Competition; 5k Trail Run and Fun Run; Inspirational Catholic Speaker (i.e. Chris Stefanic, connection to Fr. Will); possible competitive Newman/SFDA softball, volleyball competition (Septemberish); Father Daughter Dance and Mother Son Bowling
- (7:48pm) Dr. John Bergsman from Fransiscan University in Ohio coming in April

Increase Enrollment

- (7:52pm) Open Houses, tours, Catholic Schools Week
- Middle school faculty search: Fr. Will having a hard time connecting with universities to get jobs posted.

5) New Business

- (7:55pm) Fr. Will: Health Curriculum: Ready to go curriculum re: Health. We have the okay to pick and choose whatever we want from the curriculum. Theology of the Body curriculum ready to be added to Ms. Espino's curriculum.
- School board email is working. Mr. Carroll has access to check it. Nothing in there: sfdaadvisoryboard@sfdaparish.org
- Name tag magnets for new board members.

6) Closing Prayer: (7:59pm) Fr. Ian

7) Important Dates

Next Advisory Board Meeting February 22nd 6:45pm

Tasks

- Mr. Carroll to send out sample bylaws by February to board members.
- Fr. Will to get Capital campaign funds list
- Fr. Will to ask Chris Stefanic re: inspirational talk

- Heidi Conto, Angela and Mr. Carroll– plan through Feb. for Marchish 5k/Fun Run
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Note: Mins typed by Angela Buzan

Board approved minutes for posting on 1/28/22