

School Council Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2018, 7 p.m.

Board Room

Attendees: Judy Pappas, Julie Delaney, Vic Fontanetta, Julie Furmanski, Jenna Hartman, Chris McKissack, Chad Woehrle, Lisa Woods

1. Opening Prayer:

A Board Member's Prayer

I have been asked to serve, Lord, and I have agreed. Help me to know my fellow board members: their gifts, their concerns, their lives. I am doing your work, Lord, and your love for me and for them is, above all, personal. Help me to welcome conflict as a sign of the diversity of this board, as an opportunity to reach for creative solutions. Help me to recognize this diversity as a sign of your capacity to love us all, and help me to cherish it as a great strength. Help me to approach issues with an open, inquiring mind, free from prejudice, with my spirit depending on yours for the strength to make hard decisions. Help me to listen; to know when and to whom I should listen. Help me to learn to use my own gifts to promote thorough, thoughtful discussion of important concerns in our Catholic community. Help me to develop my skills as a peacemaker, to know how and when to mediate, to conciliate, to negotiate. Help me to enjoy doing your work and to remember your promise: whenever two of us are gathered in your name, you are with us. Sit with me now. Amen

Taken from: National Catholic Education Association (NCEA)

2. Principal's Report:

As of August 8, 2018, enrollment is at 496. Eighty-three are new to SJS (including PK-3 students). New staff for the 2018-19 school year include: Emily Frye (PK3 and PK4), Angela Lollino (1st grade), Deacon Matthew Hahn (5th grade), Eileen Kirk (6th grade), Julie Winter (music), Gina Zebron (Educational Technology Coordinator), Jackie Ropski (Marketing Project Director). New laptops for the teachers have arrived and training has begun. SJS received Aspire scores last week and teachers have begun data compilation and analysis. Scores will be available to parents on Powerschool on or about August 19. The extension program for PK-3 students will be offered on both Tuesdays and Thursdays this year, beginning in September.

3. Marketing Update:

The marketing team has welcomed Jackie Ropski as its new director. New exterior building signage has arrived and will be installed before the first day of school. Marketing team attended National Night Out and had a positive response. We will have a table set up in the gathering space after the Back to School Mass and will provide

coffee and doughnuts. SJS Facebook page has been updated and website is currently being updated.

4. Family and School Association Update:

The annual fund has been launched and donations can be made at orientation or via FaithDirect. The focus will be on community and social fundraisers this year, as product-based fundraisers have been eliminated. Angels in the Classroom and the stipend program have been changed to a reimbursement program, in which teachers will be able to request reimbursement up to a certain amount for any classroom expenses. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of FSA accepting payments via credit card. Julie Furmanski and Mrs. Pappas will look into options.

5. Financial Update:

None at this time.

6. Other Topics:

Discussion regarding SC Council goals for the upcoming school year. These include:

- Designating leadership and finding volunteer support for our marketing efforts at community events
- Reviewing and updating SC bylaws, increasing SC visibility and transparency to the extent allowed by the Office of Catholic Schools (OCS)
- Strengthening ties to SJS alums in all area high schools so that we can 1) nurture their faith and connection to our spiritual community, 2) provide support for 8th graders' transition to HS, and 3) celebrate the success of SJS alums on website and social media
- Exploring options for additional art instruction in K-2
- Reapplying for gaming grant
- Creating long-term marketing strategy

7. Closing Prayer