

School Council Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2018, 7 p.m.

Parish Conference Room

Members Present: Father Matt, Judy Pappas, Julie Delaney, Vic Fontanetta, Julie Furmanski, Jennifer Hartman, Lisa Woods

1. Opening Prayer
2. SC did not meet in October, so September minutes were approved via email and have been posted on the website.
3. Principal's Report:
 - SJS will be evaluated by the State of Illinois in March. The focus will be on health and safety.
 - A representative from the Arlington Heights Police Department met with SJS staff last week to conduct a lockdown drill and discuss safety in a crisis situation. SJS has a crisis team in place that meets monthly.
 - Parent-teacher conferences went smoothly and all school families participated.
4. Marketing Update:
 - First of two "Kindergarten for a Day" events will be held for PK-4 students and their families on December 7, 2018
 - Cookies with Santa will be held December 8, 2018 – Danielle Kuhn is leading and secured funding from sponsors (\$1200) so the event is free this year
 - PK/K Information Night will be January 17, 2018
 - Open House (January 27, 2018) is in planning stage
 - Next meeting tomorrow, November 15th, 2018
5. Family and School Association Update:
 - The Annual Fund collection has wrapped up, total collected was ~\$31,000 from 188 families; this represents 60% family participation
 - "Be Kind" Spiritwear will be available for purchase and will be highlighted during Catholic Schools Week
 - Faith Formation Speaker Series will be kicking off at the next FSA meeting; the first topic will be raising a faithful family and Rita King from St. Viator will be speaking
6. Financial Update:
 - Vic provided recap of parish finance meeting; highlights were 1) the audit has shown that positive changes have occurred to bring parish practices in line with best practices and 2) the volunteer model for jubilation has resulted in a much better return on each dollar spent
7. Other Topics:
 - Chris M. and Lisa W. are working on revisions of the SC bylaws and constitution which have not been updated or revised since 2009. The SC as a whole provided input on issues related to membership selection, role of vice chair, and committees which will be incorporated into a first draft for review.
 - The SC has made progress on its goal to create a long-term marketing strategy for SJS. The sub-committee includes Father Matt, Mrs. Pappas, Jennifer Hartman, Julie

Delaney, Chad Woehrle, Lisa Woods, Jackie Ropski, and Kevin Dillon. The committee has begun setting goals, discussing tactics, and gathering information to create a clear roadmap for the future marketing activities of SJS. Goal is to have a finished product by the end of the school year.

- A parent satisfaction survey will be conducted this year and will go out by the end of this week.
- Regarding the SC's goal of expanding art instruction in the early grades, Mrs. Traush will be conducting professional development sessions for PK-2 teachers on the psychology of art education and on ways to incorporate art, including specific lesson plans, into the curriculum.

8. Closing Prayer