

School Council Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2019, 7 pm  
Board Room

Members present: Julie Furmanski, Lisa Woods, Chad Whoerle, Chris McKissack, Judy Pappas, Jennifer Hartman, Vic Fontanetta

1. Opening Prayer
2. Principal's Report
  - State of IL visit will be on 1/31 focusing primarily on health and safety. We have 30 days to make any required changes or repairs. The principal of Queen of the Rosary and one public school teacher will be on the team visiting St. James.
  - We welcomed 5 new students to St. James in January.
  - Mid Term is next Friday, January 18, 2019.
  - We may need to change or modify the time of the May meeting due to the band concert.
  - Many signs have been put up advertising the Open House. The event is also going to be added to the scrolling electronic signs in both Mt. Prospect and Arlington Heights.
  - Preparations are underway for February K-for-a-Day.
3. Marketing Update
  - Information table to be staffed at St. Edna's this weekend.
  - Current reviews are needed on Facebook page.
  - The book fair will be open and selling books during Open House and also Monday and Tuesday during the school day. Proceeds will go to the library. Teachers will again have the opportunity to shop for books to add to their classroom libraries. Families may fulfill these wish list requests during the book fair.
  - The second K-for-a-Day has an external focus. It will be held in February.
  - The long-term marketing plan is being created. The committee will meet on January 22, 2019 to discuss the current draft and next steps.
4. FSA Update
  - The next meeting will be on January 15, 2019 from 7-9pm. The meeting will last one hour and then Rita King will be our guest speaker for the second hour. She will be talking about "Raising Children in a Culture of Relativism."
  - Research is ongoing about the ways to spend a potential surplus. Some suggestions are: water bottle refill stations, wall mounted butcher paper.
  - FSA is preparing to support Catholic Schools Week with gifts, teacher luncheon.
  - Be Kind t-shirts were delivered today.
  - FSA is looking for a chair for comedy night.
  - Pam Kelly and Carrie Stock have volunteered to run the Annual Fund next year.

## 5. Other Topics

- “Required Donation” for parishioner tuition rate discussed.
- Tuition Assistance Program. We use a third party to determine a family’s ability to pay which is based on a sliding scale. Anyone is eligible to apply for tuition assistance. Applications and disbursements are kept confidential. Two available sources for funding: \$35-40k from Jubilation donations and Empower IL program.
- Parent survey will be addressed after Open House.
- Bylaws are being worked on by Chris and Lisa
- K-2 Art. Mrs. Madden and Mrs. Trausch are putting together a curriculum corner to inform staff and families about the program being implemented in these grades.

## 6. Closing Prayer