

Agenda - Feb 9, 2022

General Session (7-8pm)

In attendance:

Mike Kendrick, Becky Dufern, Elizabeth Berger, Brian Falato, Eric Hoffman, James Keslter, Emily Hill, Abbie Gutzmer, Michelle Goreham, Cathy AVECILLA, Christy Horn, Chris Salituro, Steve Brunet. Deacon Hahn

Approval of minutes - 1/12/21 meeting

Abbie moved to approve – Christy seconded the motion.

General Session:

Topics from general attendees

- Archdiocese communication regarding COVID protocols - Eric Hoffman

Eric Hoffman:

- Shared notes from conversation with Archdiocese COO.
- Asked what the school plans to do if the Archdiocese changes the policy based on the appeal or other
 - School Council explained that the school will follow the policies of the Archdiocese and we would never advise the principal to go against those policies
- Asked if we were able to make our own decision on masks, what would the decision be.
 - The response was that we will gather data from the community and weigh all the options at that point in time.
- Feels that the biggest parental frustration is a lack of communication
- Wants to know plans for the future
 - School Council emphasized that we do not know what the future holds and can not make conjectures. We will make decisions based on the guidance of the Archdiocese and the data at the time.

Steve Brunet:

- Are we allowing families to do what is best for their children?
 - School council explained that we are following the policies of the Archdiocese.
- Stated that the principal should do what is in the best interest of the school regardless of the doctrine of the church.
 - School Council emphatically disagreed and iterated that we would encourage the principal to follow the policies of the Archdiocese.
- Suggested that we as a school show support for the OLM principal for breaking away from the Archdiocese policies.
 - School Council explained that individuals were free to show support but would not recommend the school as a whole make a show of support because that does not speak for all members of our school community.

Brian Falato:

- Addressed the possibility of diminished opportunities at our school if we were to go against the Archdiocese policies.
- Concerned that going against the policies of the Archdiocese could impact our ability to remain open for school
 - Council reiterated that our goal over the past years has been to keep the school open for learning. We look for ways to support our students and teachers to allow for in person learning

Principal Kendrick shared that if we do get to a point where we have individual school choice, he will work to survey the community and find out what the majority of families and teachers feel comfortable.

Principal/School Update - Principal Kendrick

- Academics has been strong! Iready scores have already grown with just the second test. That is not typical, so we have seen great progress this year!
- Iready test is given over a week's span and is not time restricted. The test is adaptive and kids get questions based on their individual ability
 - The cohort is every school in the Archdiocese
 - Is it possible to compare our school to the public schools? Yes – at the end of the year, Principal Kendrick will compile the data and share
- Teachers are focused on more individualized lessons to ensure that each student is getting the material that they need.
- Discussed Math program and working with St. Viator specifically to help accelerate our middle school math to prepare students better for high school.
 - Mr. May's teacher certification is 6-12th grades so he is eager to teach them higher level math.
 - The feedback from St. Viator after last year was that students were well prepared for their Math classes.

SJS Marketing Update - Melissa Finn / Principal Kendrick

[-Open House Recap](#)

- Registration numbers are coming in - we are already up to 211.
- Catholic Schools' Week was great!
 - Cathy AVECILLA offered a special Thank you to the staff for making it such a special week
- Frozen Jr. tickets
- Open House numbers were smaller than in the past but the number of people coming for individual tours is way up!
- Student interest runs from PreK – Middle School, so we are attracting new students of all ages.
- New "Step-Up" Night for middle school grades.
- ***We all discussed what an Amazing Job Melissa Finn is doing with the Marketing!!!

FSA Update - Becky Dufern

- Catholic Schools' Week: Meghan Kay and Kristen Wentink were in charge of the week. The events and giveaways were amazing!
- Book Fair made \$13,300 in sales! Our goal is normally \$10K so this was amazing! Teachers and the library benefit from the sales.
- Cultural Arts assembly – Hogan Irish Dancers performed for free and were amazing!!
- Variety Show: Dawn Long and Cris Scarvalle's last year as chairs of the show. It was amazing!
 - May want to publicize that kids can go home immediately following the show so parents know to attend or come early to get them
- Parent-led mass is 2/23. Kindergarten is reading and we are hoping to recruit the kindergarten parents to read with them!
- Friday Fish Fry ¾ in the Parish Center
- Bernie's Book Bank – our goal was 500. We collected over 2K!
- Mindful Meals: Eat and Earn to raise money for a basketball hoop outside!
- Updating the Honor Wall for the newest winners of Heart of the School and Christian Spirit.
- 8th grade Honors Awards at the Dinner Dance – Working to create a type of "Honor Wall" for the 8th graders
- Working with a new vendor to get the furniture for the library
- Appreciation Day for the teachers
- Evergreen Parking ... Out of control in the neighborhoods for pick up.

Finance Update - Chisty Horn

- School/Parish doing very well!
- Still working to find a new controller – looking into outside firms as possibilities.

Athletic Update - Christy Horn

- Dodgeball tournament 4/28
- Girls Bball playoffs coming up at Viator
- Spring Sport Registration Closed last week
 - volleyball, track and softball

Executive Session (8-9pm)

Communication

- Website redesign launch
 - Hopeful launch in the next 3-4weeks

Sponsorship

- Has the new Parish Employee started or is there an ETA?
 - Hoping to make an offer to someone this week
- Follow up on 2/7

Use of Parent Directory for mass communication/SPAM

- We need a written policy for proper use of the directory with explicit disciplinary action

What are fees at registration used for?

- The front loading for materials and budgets for next year
- Shows a commitment to the school

Lunch timing/ Indoor recess options

- All kids get 20min to eat lunch – some are better at using their time than others.

Mrs. Madden long-term sub?

- Working to secure someone during her absence

SJS athletics coaching code of conduct

- Hopeful for a full time Athletic Director next year
- This person will be in charge of a code of conduct to help guide coaches and parents about playing time and other team related issues.
- We need to look at sports policies to allow for fairness at the younger levels and proper competition at the older levels.