

Agenda - Jan 12, 2022

## **General Session (7-8pm)**

In Attendance:

Committee Members: (In Person) Cathy Avecilla, Emily Hill, Jim Kestler, Abby Gutzmer, Michelle Goreham, Chris Salituro, Becky Dufern, Mike Kendrick (Remote) Elizabeth Berger, Christy Horn

Guests: Eric Hoffman, Susan Hoffman, Bryan Falato, Andrew Schnell

Opening Prayer – Principal Kendrick

Approval of minutes – Becky Dufern moved to approve – second from Chris Salituro

Principal/School Update - Principal Kendrick

- K for a day has been successful
- PK/K info night coming up - Lots of interest and potential families reaching out
- Open enrollment begins 1/31. \*Important to apply before 2/20 to avoid the waitlist
- Catholic schools week is being planned by Kristen Wentink and Meghan Kay. They have done lots of collaboration with the teachers this year
- iReady part 2 – will offer the ability to compare scores from previous tests and tailor instruction
- Working to implement a Schoolwide executive functioning program – helping kids build organizational skills
- New Archdiocese guidelines – principals have until 1/17 to determine how to implement those at each school
- We are coming off of a small Covid Spike after break – but things are calming down again.

SJS Marketing Update - Melissa Finn / Principal Kendrick ([Marketing Update Notes](#))

FSA Update - Becky Dufern

- Furniture for the library is in the works
- Mother/Son is postponed but the eat and earn is still happening at Grill 12
- Variety Show deadline was extended and we have close to 30 acts
- “Just Because” treat sign up is on Facebook and will go out in the weekly update
- Parent lead mass 2/23
- Catholic Schools Week – 11:30 mass that Sunday will be all SJS families.
  - Book Fair during Open House
  - Themes during the week
  - Teacher Lunch – need parent volunteers to take over lunch duty so teachers can enjoy lunch
  - Student gifts on Thursday
  - Friday Variety Show
  - Bernie’s Book Bank donating all week

Finance Update - Christy Horn

- Working with Deacon Hahn and Judy on financial reports
- Still working on a replacement for the Controller – Deacon Hahn is helping out

Athletic Update - Christy Horn

- 2 positions are available: Boys/Girls Track and Boys Volleyball. Both Spring Sports and the registration will be coming out soon
  - The job includes:
    - Scheduling Meeting with all the schools in the conference to coordinate schedules

- You are the representative of our school at all home games for all levels
  - Coordinating with all coaches
  - Uniforms and equipment
- Good to put in the weekly update to advertise the need
- Girls Softball registration will be coming out soon

### Topics from general attendees

- COVID Procedures - Eric Hoffman
  - Daughter in Pk-4 and two younger daughters – SJS Alumni. Feels strongly about Covid Procedures, noted that the hyperlink for the minutes from the November meeting were not working. Can we be sure also post the group email for parents to use to contact.
  - Curious about what “those in power” at SJS currently believe
  - Does the Archdiocese reference what science they are using?
    - *(Response from the Council)* Yes, the CDC and the IDPH
  - Will masked snacking be coming to SJS?
    - *(Response from the Council)* No
  - Will N95 be required at SJS?
    - *(Response from the Council)* Not to our knowledge
  - The band members with holes in their masks – seems hypocritical
    - *(Response from the Council)* The band members are using masks and bell covers to remain safe while playing. The holes are designed so the instruments can fit through while also containing the other exhalations they produce while playing. The band wears regular masks when not playing.
  - Will there be any questionnaire sent to school families regarding guidelines?
    - *(Response from the Council)* No because the school is bound to follow the guidelines of the Archdiocese and the State of Illinois.
  - What percentage of the student body has submitted their vaccine cards into the portal?
    - *(Response from the Council)* In the interest of guarding the privacy of all, we would rather not divulge an exact number; however, it is a very large number of students who are vaccinated ranging from K-8
    - *(Response from the Council)* Staff is 98% vaccinated
  - Will there be masking in the 22/23 school year?
    - *(Response from the Council)* Archdiocese has not thought that far out.
  - Can a meeting be requested to have a representative from the Archdiocese come to SJS to hear from parents?
    - *(Response from the Council)* Yes, Principal Kendrick will email and make that request.
  - Will the restaurants for Daddy/Daughter be checking vaccine cards?
    - *(Response from the Council)* Will need to contact the restaurant directly to find out the policy

### Executive Session (8-9pm)

#### Communication

- Website redesign launch pushed until post open house
- Parish site is complete, work on school site continues

#### Tuition

- Looked at tuition rate from 22/23 school year and compared to local schools
- Discussed ways to continue growing the PK program – it is already wonderful; how could we continue to build on our success and offer more programs to attract and keep families at school?

#### Sponsorship

- Still working to find a new fundraising/sponsorship staff member
- We will work to build a calendar of events to use in the future to offer potential donors
- Christy shared that a former donor noted that a simple “thank you” is so important and that there is a draw

IEP minutes - what obligation does SJS have?

- Contact person for IEPs is Erin Perkinson
- The school works to match the IEP minutes as best as possible

Early dismissal move to late arrival in 2022/23 - was this confirmed following prior discussion? What would be available for before school care?

- Yes – the Teacher Aides would be able to cover before care

Quarantine Education - What is being done for students on Quarantine

- Need to be sure that all grade levels are posting work for students
- Send out to parents a list of programs/links that students can use when they are done with their classwork: iReady, IxL, Epic etc.

Transparency about Covid numbers at SJS –

- Principal Kendrick has the Covid numbers and can create a chart to put in the weekly update

Staff Related Topics

- What happened to Mrs. DiClementi?
  - She is still around – just shifting around the building
- Can we get communication on staff leaving or starting (including long term subs)? Maybe through weekly email?
  - Yes – Principal Kendrick will work to get that information disseminated when needed
- Should School Council do anything to congratulate Mr. Bilski for Heart of Gold Educator?
  - All school council members are part of the FSA and there has already been a gift presented.
  - School Council has no funds for such action and is an advisory board for the school.

### **CELEBRATE!!!**

- Head of Infectious Disease at NU recognized that Catholic Schools are doing an excellent job at mitigation which is why they are open when CPS is not! - YAY SJS STAFF!!!