

Agenda - November 10, 2021

Committee Members:

Name	Attendance	Name	Attendance	Name	Attendance
Cathy Avecilla	X	Emily Hill	Absent	Becky Dufern	x
Christy Horn	X	Chris Salituro	X	Abbie Gutzmer	x
James Kestler	x	Elizabeth Berger	x	Michelle Goreham	x
Mike Kendrick	X			Fr. Ed	x
Fr Ryan	n/a				

Guests:

Julie Furmanski, Eric Hoffman, Melissa Finn, Andrew Schnell, Craig Odegaard, Michelle George, Meg Suvada, Tiffany Clark, Marlee Griek, Giovanna Imbrogno, John Suvada, Anthony Imbrogno, Ragauskis Thomas, David Clark, Maryann Zaleski

General Session (7-8pm)

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Chair Cathy Avecilla.

1. The meeting opened with a Prayer led by Father Ed.
2. A motion was made and seconded for approval of the 10/31/21 meeting minutes.
3. Principal/School Update - Principal Kendrick
 - Recent Covid adjustment – desks spaced out greater than 3 feet to address concern of close contact
 - Academics: end of trimester 1 on Friday – major focus on math and reading from IReady scores to provide interventions to help children grow and continue to develop
 - Parent/teacher links for conferences– issued tomorrow am and done digitally; signup with Homeroom and available via in person or remote
 - Covid update to be provided after standing agenda
4. SJS Marketing Update - Melissa Finn
 - Email communication: looking to streamline weekly newsletter including revising layout, moving to singular communication from principal with teacher page links with a focus on eliminating duplicative email communications; target to roll out with new website
 - Feedback to consider in next parent survey – how much communication from teachers is needed
 - Launch date mid-December for new website including new parent portal
5. FSA Update - Becky Dufern
 - Recently completed
 - Truck or treat – indoor pivot was successful
 - Fall yard clean up
 - Prayer requests up and running

- New
 - Sign up genius for snacks/drinks for teachers
 - Early dismissal goodies for teachers
 - Birthday books – October
 - Sandwich ministry is back – 3rd to 8th (Emily Hill leading)
 - New warming oven arrived
 - Buying furniture for back corner (former trophy location on AH Road)
 - Christmas family movie night – potentially eliminated or rescheduled due to cookies and cocoa w/ Santa
 - Christmas teacher collection – 12/3/21
 - 8th grade Bibles to be distributed
 - New outdoor décor for Christmas including along AH Road

6. Finance Update - Christy Horn

- No meeting held last month due to difficulties with the system conversion and challenge with preparation of clean financials
- Parish Controller recently resigned – Deacon Matt working with assistant on operating continuity
- Next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, November 15th

7. Athletic Update - Christy Horn

- Fall sports are complete – 7th and 8th grade girls volleyball both finished in 2nd place in conference playoffs; Cross country performed well all season including @ State
- Positive feedback on tip off event
- Winter sports underway
- Still a few openings for Athletic board directors – Boys Volleyball, Girls Softball, Soccer
- Feedback for athletic board – more information regarding expectations when you sign up for a sport (e.g. girls basketball games are normally on Sundays)

8. General Discussion Focused on Covid Guidelines (3 handouts provided by Mr. Kendrick: COVID Guidelines Cheat Sheet, Arch Catholic Schools Operating Framework, Arch Updated Isolation and Quarantine Procedures)

- COVID Protocols - SJS protocols are Archdiocese of Chicago driven
- Definition of “Close Contact” within COVID protocols
 - Arch describes what it is NOT, not what it is
 - Refer to protocols on COVID guidelines Cheat Sheet 2021-2022 School Year (Isolation & Quarantine Procedures)
- A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the most recent quarantine and the guidance from the Arch and the way the school implemented. In summary:
 - Mr. Kendrick will remind teachers that no discussion on vaccines is acceptable; concern raised regarding being singled out
 - Desks have been moved to greater than 3 feet; lunchroom is being remapped to create more distance and should reduce the number of “close contact” quarantines

- E-learning/Zoom for quarantined children is not available due to classroom disruption, ineffectiveness and limited equipment/technology to support; Mr. Kendrick will explore alternative options
 - Guidance is directly from Archdiocese and SJS is doing their best to implement safety protocols aligned with guidance, consistent with what other local schools are doing; understand general concern from parents regarding differences in states and public/private schools, however, we have no control over guidance and non-compliance would result in significant negative consequences for the school and parish
 - Parents wishing to escalate concerns are directed to reach out to the Cardinal, Bishop and/or the Superintendent
- Attendees were reminded as a Counsel, the focus is on what we can control and while we may not always agree with the guidance, our role is to ensure we are effectively supporting education and the health and safety of the staff and children of SJS.

Executive Session (8-9pm)

1. Sponsorship – evaluate opportunities, tactics and leverage the learnings at St. Viator and other not for profits; ACTION ITEM: Cathy to schedule separate meeting to determine specific activities and opportunities (Kendrick, Horn volunteered to participate/support if needed)
2. Substitute Teachers – generally no responses or interest; leveraging Illinois School University system to try and identify alternatives that also enables the student to earn credit and pay
3. School Mass – working on increased engagement and FSA volunteers have offered to provide additional support; Mr. Kendrick to provide feedback on music opportunities
4. Service Hours – parish does not currently require; parish/school having conversations on creating different opportunities that break our bubble and provide broader learnings and opportunities
5. Lunch/Recess – challenging with COVID protocols to provide adequate social distancing and support cleaning; need a better solution for cleaning in between classes – Mr. Kendrick will explore
6. Tuition – updated comparative provided to be discussed at the next meeting