



SAC Minutes **3-16-22** **Marion Rooms — 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

SAC Members Present: Molly McGraw Healy, Reedus Berry (7:00pm arrival), Katherine King, ~~Megan Antoine~~, Amy Satterfield, Alicia Nordstrom, Rebecca Lahr (via zoom), Kevin Dempsey, ~~Margaret Anderson, Katherine Johnson~~

1. Opening prayer

2. Approval of minutes from February

3. Principal Report

- Enrollment: Currently lower in K than anticipated for this time of year, so total number of enrolled students at this time is 134 in grades K-8. Enrollment in 4 year-old preK is strong, with 15 students enrolled. Five students are enrolled for 3 year-old preK. SAC members discussed ideas for reaching out to the Latino population and students in the neighborhoods within a few miles of the school.
- Middle School Summer Session: Mrs. Barbatsis has designed and will be offering a summer middle school camp in hopes of increasing middle school enrollment and strengthening relationships.
- Fundraising Update: The school is close to the goal for read-a-thon. Gerten's plant sale is coming up, orders will be due April 7th. 265 people were served at the first Fish Fry, it was busy! Served 265 people, it was very busy! Friday, March 18th there will be a Fish Fry and meat giveaway. Friday, April 1st will follow living stations.
- School Start Time: The Robbinsdale district will be connecting with Ms. Bursey on 3/15 to discuss school start times.
- Beer Bash Success: A special thanks to Katherine for organizing a fantastic event! The night brought in \$5,000. Full time teachers received \$250. The night was lots of fun with great music.
- March 1-March 16 COVID update: Only 1 student and 1 teacher had covid in March. New MDE guidelines suggest a 5 day quarantine if masking is used for days 6-10.
- Gala update: The Gala will take place April 29th. Pat sent out an email to families with a link to register.

4. Financials/Budget

- The school continues to do well against budget. February financials will be reviewed by the Finance Council on March 29th. Sacred Heart filed amended Employer Tax Returns (Employee Retention Credit) for quarters 3 & 4 in 2020 and quarter 1 in 2021. These are COVID-related funds. If you maintained your staffing levels throughout the pandemic, experienced any losses, and were subject to lock-downs, you were eligible to receive these funds. These COVID-related funds, whether it be PPP or ERC funds have helped the parish as a community (including the school) successfully manage and maintain our operations. The school is currently well positioned and running at less of a loss than was originally budgeted.

- In TADS we are about \$13,000 in arrears. Mary is following up. Utilities costs have been far out of line with original budget as costs have risen sharply. Katherine noted that it will be important to budget for high inflationary costs next year.

5. School Start time

- Robbinsdale is contacting Ms. Bursey on 3/15. They may change the SHCS start time to 8:30am-3:20pm. If this is the case we will need to send out a survey to families, there is a bit of a gain of time, the school day is currently 6 hours and 30 minutes. Next year it will be 6 hours and 50 minutes which will give some cushion if students need to be dismissed slightly early to ride the bus. In past years, many families would use the busses and thus consideration will need to be given to whether or not to accept the potential time change and determine whether it is necessary to offer kids club in the morning. The district will be sending a Bus Opt-Out Survey to all families.
- SAC members discussed potential positives and negatives to the time change and what other area schools do. Good Shepherd has its own bus, St. Raphael's uses the Robbinsdale busses.
- SAC members discussed potential transportation survey wording. Ms. Bursey will send the document out for additional comments before sending to families.

6. Attendance policy

- Approve new policy: Tabled until next meeting

7. Sacred Heart Volunteer Fair

- Amy Satterfield discussed a recent visit to a volunteer fair and the idea of potentially hosting a similar event at SHCS to help families understand ways to be involved.

8. Whiz Bang Days

- Members discussed the potential of hosting a Whiz Bang Days event at Sacred Heart, with inflatables. The group discussed which night would work best for the event and suggested Thursday as a way of catching individuals who might go out of town for the weekend. Ms. Bursey will submit the application.

9. New Business

- No items raised.

10. Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.