



SAC Minutes
2-16-22
Marion Rooms — 6:00-7:30 p.m.

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

Ex Officio Members Present: Karen Bursey, Mary Daugherty, Fr. Pedersen

Convened: 6:05pm

Opening prayer led by Rebecca

Approval of minutes from January 19, 2022

Minutes were reviewed, motion made and seconded. Minutes approved.

Guest speaker: Steve Thibault on the topic of student masks

- Mr. Thibault introduced himself and noted his family's long connection to and care for Sacred heart through teaching and three children.
- Noted that St. Vincents, St. Al's, and St. Raphael's and the Osseo Public School district, among others, do not currently have mask mandates.
- Noted concerns with two years of mask wearing, including worries about students' ability to read teacher emotions, hear instruction, etc., as well as impacts on the usual fun atmosphere being effected by the stress of mask wearing and potential mental health impacts. Concerns about new families being less connected to the community were also raised.
- Closed with request to consider dropping the mask mandate and questions about school-church-community connection and ability to come into the school to see 8th grade presentation boards (it was determined that a viewing time for presentations was in place and had been recently communicated).

Principal Report

- Impact Grant to be spent as follows:
 - \$2500 on Groves,
 - \$2500 on literacy materials
 - \$2500 for marketing
 - \$2500 for socio-emotional learning supports
- Coffee/Donuts will be served by SAC March 6
 - Amy and Rebecca will help with donuts.
- Enrollment Update:
 - For next year (school year 2023) there are currently five students registered for 3-year-old prek, 11 students registered for 4 year old preK, three students enrolled for kindergarten, and four new students in grades 1-3.

- A new 2nd grader and 3rd grader will be starting next week.

Fundraising

- Several efforts are going on including putting together baskets for the gala. Read-a-thon pledges are being collected and fun activities have been planned including reading by flashlight and reading with buddies. Gerten's Plant Sale will go live in March with sales due 4/7 and delivered 5/6.

Fish Fry 2022

- This year Fish Fry will be both take out and dine in. More volunteers will be needed to staff both options, take orders, etc. Tables will be spread out so they are further apart. There will be a meat raffle on March 11th and they are also considering a kids movie room.

School Start times 2022-2023

- Ms. Burse has communicated to the Robbinsdale school district that the school does not want to switch to the 9:10-4:00pm time slot. Sacred Heart is currently waiting to see what our offered start times will be. Ms. Burse has requested that the practice of transferring students from one bus to another not continue, but she believes it is likely that request will not be granted.
- Molly indicated a willingness to review the statute related to nonpublic student transportation to see if Sacred Heart could receive the funds directly and potentially contract directly with a provider. It was noted that Good Shepherd provides its own transportation.

New Contract in Place with Lancer for Hot Lunch

- Ms. Burse was able to successfully negotiate a new contract with Lancer. The Federal government upped the reimbursement fee in the face of rising costs. Lancer will receive \$4.14 for each meal ordered, leaving the school the remaining amount to purchase milk and paper products. The school is hoping their previous server is able to return as she is well-liked.

Financials/Budget

- School is in good shape in terms of its income and expenses. We are running behind budget expenses year-to-date as we were budgeting for an \$83,000 loss and are currently at a \$45,000 loss. Some fluctuation is anticipated as some expensed, such as those from the gala, have been delayed. We have a handful of families in arrears on TADS and are working to create plans for collection, but the budget will be impacted if we are unable to collect the funds.

COVID Protocols

- The group discussed the earlier presentation from Mr. Thibault, current CDC guidelines, and actions taken by surrounding districts. A majority indicated comfort with going mask-optional so long as there were provisions in place for returning to mandatory masking if case counts began to rise. It was noted that other procedures, such as extra sanitizing and hand washing would continue.
- The need to consider ways to honor/protect kids and parent's choices and ensure that students continuing to mask were respected was discussed.
- The group felt that it would be most prudent to separate consideration of masking from discussion of other community 'feel' issues.

- Each member shared their thoughts on going mask-optional beginning March 1st. A vote was taken with 8 in-favor and 1 against (citing preference to wait for issuance of updated CDC guidelines).

Due to time, the attendance policy will be moved to the March agenda.

Teacher Beer Bust

- Fundraiser will be March 4th
- \$3,500 has been raised thus far, and have sold 78 tickets, 10 teachers have RSVP'ed so far.
- Gift cards have been purchased.
- The goal is to help teachers feel our support and appreciation for all they do—particularly during this extremely challenging time.
- It was noted that there may be an opportunity to build additional community connection through an hour of ice-time at a local hockey rink.
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Ice skating

- Will take place at New Hope Ice Arena

Fish Fry

- Will be seeking ideas to boost teacher appreciation during fish fry Fridays. May consider a bake sale or other add-on.

New Business

- **Water Bottle Issue**

It was noted that due to excessive spilling and other issues, middle schoolers will be asked to keep their water bottles in their lockers going forward. The group discussed and members noted the importance of hydration for health reasons. Fr. Pedersen offered that perhaps the school could clearly communicate to students why the privilege had been removed and then trial allowing their free use again after a period of time without them.

Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.