



SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SAC Minutes
Marion Rooms
1-18-23
6:00-7:30 p.m.

SAC Members Present: Katherine King, Alicia Nordstrom, Christine Denton, ~~Elise Hedlund~~, Rebecca Lahr, Kevin Dempsey, Molly McGraw Healy, Margaret Anderson, Katherine Johnson

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

1. Opening prayer

Led by Becky.

2. Approval of minutes from November

Minutes motioned and seconded, approved.

3. Principal Report

- Playground has been ordered we will need to continue fundraising to cover the cost.
- Bingo was a success and made approximately \$1000.
- Gala update:
 - Ticket sales are going well, 160 sold, hoping to sell at least 200 tickets—all the teacher tickets sold.
 - Mitchell Realty, Gearty Delmore, BSM, and Hackenmuellers are all sponsoring
 - Many great items have been donated including a cabin stay, diamond rings, Hamilton tickets & Crave gift card and more. There will also be a variety of items for students including a lock-in. Gift baskets are coming in and are due this coming Friday.
 - Speakers will include the Swenson Family as well as Andy Johnson and Karen.
 - Beth has all the desserts for the dessert dash and folks to pick them up.
 - Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and clean up
- Marketing:
 - Open House is coming up, all potential new families welcome!
 - Facebook ads have been purchased
 - Sun Post will be running two ads, including as a part of the Reader's Choice awards
- Safety walk-thru with HSEM security team was conducted and went well, work with the group will continue. Kids are responding well to the new protocols. The school will complete safety self-assessment audit. New cameras have been installed at all four doors and staff have been trained on the protocols (Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, Shelter).
- School store has been a great success! Currently open Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- District 281 calendar for next year is being reviewed

4. Financials/Budget

Tuition for 2023-2024

- The finance meeting will be at close of the month. As of November, actuals compared to year-to-date budget are 33K to the positive thanks in part to restricted income (11K of restricted income for playground, ECFE funds for teacher laptops, garden grant, etc.).
- As of 1/5/23, there is about \$3600 of tuition in arrears and tuition receivable amount needs to be adjusted per current enrollment.
- The school has received and will be receiving some additional federal and state money for Covid.. Allowable items are in 7 categories and include professional development around students' mental health. The school is considering a 3-year license for second-step curriculum.
- The school also received \$6,900 of covid-related funding spent on air purifiers in each room with no AC and extra filters.
- A final recommendation on tuition for next year will come from finance council.

5. Fundraising/money collection

- The board reviewed a parent concern about the volume of fundraising and money collection including wreaths, Santa's workshop, gifts for teachers and administrators, silent auction baskets, the school store, etc. The board discussed the issue that many of the 'asks' come around the holiday time and the importance of stressing to families that many of these items are non-required, but are offered as opportunities if resources allow. Communications from room parents can assist in providing clarity and context, and templates for all room parents to use will be distributed for next year.
- Upcoming fundraisers include read-a-thon, spring plants, beer bust, etc. Last year's beer bust raised 5K for teachers. This year trying to schedule after Easter in hopes of weather that would allow outdoor socializing. There will be live music again!

6. Bully Policy

The bullying policy was revised based on teacher and SAC input. The updated policy will be changed in the handbook and put into the newsletter. Approval was motioned and seconded, approved.

SAC members reviewed and provided comment on the new online reporting form.

7. Garden Grant

Two SAC members and one community member are joining the garden club committee! Initial work will be to create a recommendation for type, number, and arrangement of beds to present to Ms. Bursey and Fr. Pedersen.

8. New Business

- SAC members discussed the need for a game entrance sign to assist individuals in finding the correct door for entry (Door 8).
- SAC members discussed the need for electronic payment options as individuals do not always carry cash with them to the games.
- A weekly basketball skills open gym may be hosted by a volunteer, grades 3 and up!

9. Closing Prayer, led by Becky.