School Advisory Council  
March 20, 2019 - Meeting Minutes

6:15 Opening Prayer

SCHOOL NEWS

- Gala planning update—April 6, 2019 at the DoubleTree
  - Sponsors have been contacted
  - In need of more sponsorship & donations
  - Classes working on class projects
  - In need of attendees
- School theme: Gratitude, sub theme for March: Literacy
- Staff updates:
  - Still need After School Care Lead Teacher—know anyone???
  - Intend to renew all staff contracts
    - Plan to hire Dan Walker full-time to meet our ESL needs
- Accreditation will be in May 12-14, 2019—surveys have been administered; elementary students to take survey in the next couple of weeks
- Catapult visited March 20, 2019; will visit April 16, 2019 and May 1, 2019
  - Observations on student engagement through the Core Instructional Model
- Spring Fling (May 3rd)—Visual Arts with families creating projects—planning underway
- ITBS Testing—deciding as a Diocese if we will continue with IOWA or not, go electronic or not
- Color Sunday—Assign classes to attend and pick up donuts; assigned teachers would attend and ask parents and students to help out. The class with the highest percent attendance would receive a reward, in addition to individuals receiving a dress-down pass.
  - March 10, 2019—5th-8th grade
  - April 14, 2019—2nd-4th grade
  - May 12, 2019—Pre-k-1st grade
- Anneliese to attend Conference on Liberal Education (Classical) in Washington D.C.
  - Most of the discussion was on this topic
  - We are in research phase and intend to provide Anneliese with the pros and cons of going to Classical curriculum before this conference in July
○ Research includes determining the types of classical education, what St Mary’s intends to do in terms of a classical track and how classically educated kids do at St Mary’s (and how CC kids do), as well as the financial impacts
○ Discussed a hybrid option at length, (classical + STEM)
  • Class Retreats for grades K-4 the week of April 8th
  • NJHS Induction Ceremony--April 26, 2019 following Mass
  • 8th grade Confirmation--April 28, 2019

ENROLLMENT/MARKETING 18-19
• Enrollment update--
• Updated TADS & Tuition Agreement Conditions

ATHLETICS
• Wrestling update--Tournament-March 21st
• Need to meet with Athletic Director and coaches to establish procedures for next year
• Spring sports banquet: TBD

COMMITTEE UPDATES:
• Strategy for filling out committees with parents/parishioners?
• BUILDING/GROUNDS COMMITTEE (Eduardo & Paul):
  ○ Oversees the implementation and incorporate our facilities initiatives to include:
  ○ 1) New carpeting, painting, and air-conditioning throughout the school;
  ○ 2) New exterior landscaping and resealing driveways and parking areas;
  ○ 3) New Capital Reserve Fund to address unforeseen needs.

• COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (Keith):
  ○ Oversees the implementation and initiatives to include:
  ○ 1) A comprehensive communication and marketing plan, both internally and externally, will be introduced in order to better share the accomplishments of our students and our work toward the success of this Strategic Improvement Plan;
  ○ 2) Partnership with our Parish in prayer and dialogue will be increased so that students and parishioners are better connected and aware of all that is happening;
  ○ 3) A database of all alumni will be created so that class reunions may be held to celebrate the living legacy of our school.
  ○ **This committee will also incorporate Marketing, Communications, HSA, and Spirit Week initiatives.

• DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (Steve, Anneliese):
  ○ Incorporate our Finance, Fundraising, GALA, Jog-A-Thon, and other initiatives into an overall development plan.
• **FAITH COMMITTEE** (Joshua):
  ○ Oversees the implementation of:
  ○ 1) Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be implemented in all grades;
  ○ 2) Yearly retreats will be offered to all students;
  ○ 3) Continuing formation of teachers to be missionary disciples, both spiritually and academically, will be introduced;
  ○ 4) The presence of Priests and consecrated religious working in our school will be increased.
  ○ **This committee will also incorporate our Catholic Culture and Liaison-to-other-Parishes initiatives.**

• **KNOWLEDGE COMMITTEE** (Ann, Carla, Victoria):
  ○ Oversees the implementation of:
  ○ 1) Our entire curriculum will be posted on-line;
  ○ 2) Our art, music, and foreign language offerings will be enhanced by greater collaboration with the resources available in the Historic Old North End Neighborhood;
  ○ 3) Pervasive wireless technology will be updated throughout the school along with the addition of new computers and tablets in every classroom and in the library;
  ○ 4) Ongoing education for our faculty in differentiated learning and English as a Second Language will be increased.
  ○ **This committee will also incorporate our Academic, Technology, and Encuentro initiatives.**

• **LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE** (Anneliese, Mike):
  ○ Oversees the implantation of:
  ○ 1) Ongoing research into best practices of Catholic Schools across the country will be expanded;
  ○ 2) Our teacher pay-scale will be enhanced in order to attract and retain the best teachers in the city;
  ○ 3) Our student government involvement will be increased in order to implement all aspects of the Strategic Improvement Plan.
  ○ **This committee will also incorporate our Policies/Handbook and Teacher Liaison initiatives.**

• **SERVICE COMMITTEE** (Steve):
  ○ Oversees the implementation of:
  ○ 1) A service project liaison between our school and Parish will be established in order to coordinate all efforts for social gatherings, as well as community service projects;
2) Our partnership with Penrose-St Francis Hospital, Springs Village Nursing Center, Catholic Charities, and the Marian House Soup Kitchen will be broadened and deepened.

** This committee will also incorporate our Parents Contact and School Life Initiatives

LIAISON UPDATE:
- Encuentro & Teachers - Joshua Sisneros
- Home School Association - Victoria Falls

OPEN/OTHER:
- Steve’s comments:
  - Set Time For SAC Training With Holly Goodwin: **24 April at 5 PM**
  - By-Laws
  - Classical Education Model: **Next meeting**
  - Committee Membership Drive/Rewards: **On Back to School Nights, 12-13 Aug**
  - Ghant Chart on Hold Until Next Year (When We Have Committee Members)
- Chromebook Discussion (Mike):
- Next SAC Meeting: Wednesday 17 April @ 6:15p.m.
- Next Meeting Drinks & Snacks: _______________

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- **UPCOMING CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

ONGOING
- Red Strings Beginner (Violin Practice) - Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 3-4 p.m.
- Red Strings Advance-Beginner (Violin Practice) - Tuesdays & Thursdays 3-4:30 p.m.
- Boys Wrestling Practice - Mondays - Thursdays 3-4:30 p.m.
- Sleeping Beauty Musical Rehearsal - Tuesdays & Fridays 3 p.m.
- MathCounts Team - Wednesdays & Thursdays 3-4 p.m. (5th-8th Grade Only)
- Piano Lessons - Wednesdays 3-4 p.m.
- School Choir Practice - Thursdays 3 p.m.

MARCH
- Wrestling Tournament vs All CSAL Schools Thu Mar 21th @ 5:00 p.m. @ CCCS
- Lenten Confessions--Fri Mar 22nd @ 10:00 a.m. (No Mass)
- Dart Wars 3rd-8th Grades--Fri Mar 22nd @ 6:00 p.m.
- Spring Break--Mon Mar 25th - Fri 29th (Schools Closed)

APRIL
- GALA 97 Back to the 80’s @ Doubletree--Sat Apr 6th @ 6 p.m.
● Holy Thursday--Apr 18th (Early Release)
● Good Friday--Apr 19th (Schools Closed)
● Color Sunday--Apr 21st (Any Parish/Mass That Day)
● Easter Monday--Apr 22nd (Schools Closed)
● 8th Grade Confirmation--Apr 28th
● Religion Testing--Tue Apr 23rd - Tue Apr 30th

MAY
● Spring Fling--Fri May 3rd
● Accreditation--May 12-14th
● 8th Grade Baccalaureate Mass--Thu May 16th @ 6 p.m.
● 8th Grade Graduation--Fri May 17th
● Last Day for Students--Fri May 24th (Early Release)

7:45 Closing Prayer