

11/26/2019- School Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Open Regular Meeting

Agenda for School Advisory Committee - 11/26/19

- I. Roll Call
- II. Non-Members Present
- III. Opening Prayer
- IV. Mission Statement- Read by all
- V. Review and acceptance of prior meeting's minutes
- VI. Pastor's Report- Fr. Joe
- VII. Administrator's Report- Mrs. Emily Lenn
- VIII. Old Business
 - Lego Update
- IX. New Business
 - School Strategic Plan copy to review
 - Meet the Teacher Night- Restructuring; Feedback/suggestions for next year
 - Mid City Nutrition Opportunity- Feedback
- X. Round Table Discussion
- XI. Closing Prayer
- XII. Confirm next meeting date
- XIII. Adjournment

Members Present: Emily Lenn, Joe Bongiovanni, Nicole Boutorwick, Darek Nytko, Mike Shrodes, Dennis Dobrasko, Jeannine Schweihoffer, Trish Zyble, Jeff Thomson.

Non-Members Present: Julie Newman

Members Absent: Fr. Joe Mallia, Jennifer Yaek

Meeting Called to Order: 7:02 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Mrs. Emily Lenn

Mission Statement: St. Augustine Catholic School spreads the good **N.E.W.S.** by **N**avigating a Christian course, **E**ducating body, mind and spirit, **W**orshipping the Lord, and **S**erving others.

Review and Approval of 10/22/19 Minutes- Dennis D. motioned to approve, Jeff T. seconded. All in favor to approve meeting minutes. No amendments made.

Pastor's Report- Fr. Joe absent.

Administrator's Report- Mrs. Emily Lenn

1. Fundraiser dance- donations totaled around \$12,000. Next year's fundraiser will be the same format. Booked at Maniaci's on Saturday, February 27th, 2021.
2. Advent Program
 - a. December 19, 7 pm- RHS Auditorium
 - b. Currently looking for Chairperson, sound assistance, four 70's girls costumes, and a time machine.
3. Girls basketball season has begun- first games are scheduled after Thanksgiving. JV Tournament scheduled for Jan 25th @ SMSC; Varsity Tournament Feb 1st @ IC. Boys practice to begin January 15th.
4. Technology Meeting Update- Created a "wish list" for tech things the school needs and prioritized it. Need devices for Lego Robotics program we will be starting.
5. Upcoming School Events-Santa Shop- Dec 5 & 6, Family Fun Night- Dec 6, Preschool Muffins w/ Mom- Dec 9 & 10, First Reconciliation- Dec 14, Advent Program- Dec 19, 7:00. Snowball Middle School Dance January 24th. Catholic Schools Week Jan 27th-31st (Saints in disguise backpack/luggage collection; CPR training for 5th-8th graders offered by Ascension Health).

Old Business

1. Lego Update- Mrs. Lenn met with Ann Durst, teacher at Richmond Lee Elementary who teaches their STEM program. She was very resourceful even though their program is more competition based. Mr. English to Chair the Lego Club program. All kits need to be put together before beginning. Will have a volunteer meeting on December 3rd. Plan on having two 6-8 week sessions with 16 kids total in each session. There are enough kits to allow eight 3rd-5th grade students, and eight 6th-8th grade students to participate in each session. Have 3 iPads to start.

New Business

1. School Strategic Plan- Began 2 years ago with 10 people on the original board. There are 4 main categories, which are tied to accreditation. The board created a SWOT analysis, the diocese offered surveys, and Unleash The Gospel. Would like to publish an info-graphic on the church/school website with a summary of the Strategic Plan. Mrs. Lenn stated that some of the goals in the plan have been met already. Would like us to review the plan and come back with possible adjustments/corrections/feedback at next meeting.
2. Meet the Teacher Night- Mrs. Lenn discussed having a different format/restructuring to make the beginning of school run smoother. This would allow the students to bring in all school supplies, meet the teacher for students and parents, initial meeting with administration for parents, athletic meeting, etc. Also, possibly have pictures taken as well. Each meeting would have a fun ice cream social afterwards for all families. Suggested having a 2 day split back to school day/night at the end of August. First group tk-3rd, second group 4th-8th. Committee brought up organization concerns, families with multiple students/split grades would have to

attend both nights, and other potential issues. Mrs. Lenn to consider all and talk to other schools who do this (ie Holy Cross).

3. Mid City Nutrition (Port Huron) Field Trip- Discussed the possibility for the 4th and 5th graders to take a field trip as a form of service work to Mid City. This field trip would possibly allow the students to help prepare/serve food for the homeless, but it would also involve the students eating at a table and interacting/talking with the homeless (chaperones present). Committee members expressed several safety concerns and offered other suggestions for service based field trips.

Round Table

1. Darek N. brought up the St. A's Parents Social Club group on FB, said 1st event at PWOT was fun and announced upcoming event Casino bus trip on Jan 4th.
2. Joe B. brought up Student Council food tasting with Anchor Bay Food Service. Event was a success.
3. Nicole B. brought up field trip opportunity at Austin HS called Forensic Science Workshop in April. Mostly aimed/geared to 5th grade, but would like 6th grade to attend as well. Mrs. Lenn to reach out to Austin to inquire about it.
4. Jeannine S. offered Gus Lloyd books to committee. Thanks Jeannine!!

Closing Prayer: All

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Nicole B, seconded by Dennis D

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 17, 2019, 7 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Nicole Boutorwick, Secretary