

School Commission Meeting

November 2nd, 2017

6:00 PM

Present: Anna Horton, Mike Curran, Brendan Kolding, Tara Martin, Kevin McMahan, Mary Moan, Amanda Roberts, Dino Annest, Mary Ann Fessler, Bill Skibitzke, Jackie Bryan, Kamila Kennedy, Karin Hansen, Charise Addicks, Pat Galvin, Ben Gauyan, Molly Ward, Beth Martin

Absent: Sarah Katsandres, Andrea Geraghty, Julie Leonardo

Opening Prayer

Kevin McMahan led the Commission in the opening prayer.

Approval of October Minutes

The October minutes were deemed approved.

Development Report

Beth Martin reported that the magazine sale netted approximately \$66,000 and achieved 93% family participation. (The participation mark was an all-time high; last year's was 76%.) To date, 35 of 300 families have pledged to the Annual Fund, with \$33,000 pledged and \$13,000 paid. The Christmas Tree Lot will be open from the day after Thanksgiving until 12/17/17. The auction will be held on 04/21/18 in the Brockey Center at South Seattle College.

Principal's Report

Principal Horton reported that the school has received approximately 60 applications for next year's preschool and kindergarten classes. Priority registration ends on 11/15/17. Over 65 children attended the on-campus trick-or-treat event, 30 families attended the Fall Open House (an increase over last year,) and 35 children participated in the plinko game at the HRS booth and Harvest Fest.

Principal Horton is contemplating the future of the preschool. Based on feedback from current preschool families, she will maintain the half-day option for the immediate future and continue to study the feasibility of offering a full-day program. Future growth, even within the half-day program, will require more staff. As such, care will be taken to ensure saliency while maintaining the integrity of the program.

Parents' Club Report

Dino Annest reported that the next Parents' Club meeting will be Thursday, 11/09/17. Jennifer Burbridge, Crime Prevention Coordinator for the SPD Southwest Precinct, will deliver a presentation about youth safety.

The School Commission discussed issues surrounding the recent Glow Bowl event.

Financial Report

Tara Martin presented key points with respect to the current budget.

Bylaws Review

Brendan Kolding will e-mail the latest draft to the Commission members for review.

Five-Year Strategic Plan

Principal Horton presented a synopsis of the brainstorming session that was held at the October School Commission meeting. Her idea is to develop the strategic plan along the same pillars of the Archdiocese Strategic Plan:

1. Strengthening Catholic Identity
2. Excellent Curricula, Teachers, and School Leaders
3. An Accessible and Welcoming Community
4. Wise Stewardship Through Planning, Governance, Funding & Marketing

She would like the School Commission to assist with writing plans on 1, 3, and 4. (2 is covered by the accreditation plan.) The Commission will engage in another brainstorming activity at the January meeting.

Scrip Program

Mike Curran reported on the scrip program. The intent is to start the program by purchasing \$10,000 worth of scrip to local grocery stores QFC, Met Market, Thriftway and possibly also Trader Joe's. Parent volunteers would then sell and distribute directly to parents and other community members, in a fashion TBD. As the program develops, parents would be able to purchase scrip to a wider array of merchants online. In order to incentivize participation, there is the possibility of offering credit for volunteer hours in exchange for purchasing scrip. One plan is to give one hour for every \$500 purchased, up to ten hours a year. (Initially, it may be appropriate to cap the number of hours at five.) The hope is to start this program within the next 30 days.

Closing Prayer

Mary Moan led the Commission in the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned.