

School Commission (SC) Meeting
05/02/19
6:00 PM

Present: Alison Morton, Amanda Roberts, Ann Baker, Anna Horton, Barbara Spiering, Ben Gauyan, Brendan Kolding, Elena Gruner, Father Oakland, Jackie Bryan, Kamila Kennedy, Libby Pickthorn, Mary Ann Fessler, Sara Katsandres, Tara Martin, and Molly Ward

Absent: Beth Martin, Dino Annest, Jennifer Kokkonis, Karin Hansen, and Martina Phelps

Opening Prayer

Father Oakland led the School Commission in the opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes

The March and April minutes were deemed approved.

Pastor's Report

Father Oakland informed the SC that Archbishop Sartain has asked to retire early and that a Coadjutor be appointed. When a successor is appointed, he will remain active to have overlap. Pope Francis has appointed Archbishop Paul Etienne, Archbishop of Anchorage who will join on June 7th. Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations with prayers for the priesthood and religious life on Mother's Day. We should encourage children to find that vocation that God has planted in them. May is Annual Catholic Appeals Month. Portion to priests' retirement will be reduced due to the Called to Serve as Christ campaign.

Principal's Report

Principal Horton provided an update to the SC on 'The Big toy'. Final touches on design are being done to address drainage issues. Principal Horton passed around designs of the playground at the meeting to shop different color options. There is not a lot of room to change at this point as the pieces have been configured to the space and conforms to safety and insurance requirements.

Development Report

Principal Horton provided an update to the SC on behalf of Beth Martin on development efforts. To date HRS has collected \$125k for the annual fund. There will be one more big push on May 8th which is "Give Big" day and then will follow-up individual letters. There were 265 attendees at the auction. 'Fund an Item' raised \$62k with \$6.2k in corporate matching. In total the auction netted \$265k TY vs. \$235k in 2018. Beth is looking to finalize a date for next year. The magazine drive has new chairs for next year. We are changing companies for next year which gives us time to transition from the magazine drive.

Enrollment/Marketing Report

Principal Horton reported to the SC on behalf of Jennifer Kokkonis. All families have been scheduled in FACTS for next year. There are a few more families looking for next year and the estimate is we will have between 505 -510 children next year.

Financial Report

Tara Martin delivered the Financial report to the SC. Tara presented the budget with actuals through March 2019. We continue to have an operating surplus. Current reserves are over \$600k and adding in this year's surplus we will be close to \$900k-\$1M. Will get a quote on replacing the boiler as well as maintenance. \$1M is the goal as 3 months of operating cash flow. We are now looking to thinking about long term projects we need to reserve for. Tara presented the final 2019/2020 school year budget. We are projected to end next school with a surplus as well. Motion to approve next year's budget was approved.

Parents' Club Report

Ann Baker presented an update to the SC. The last Parents' Club meeting is next Wednesday and the last event, Father/Daughter Glow Bowl is Friday. There are 253 registered families for the event which is down from last year although the event is expected to turn a profit.

SC Nominations Update

Brendan Kolding provided an update on the nomination process. There are 6 applicants with 1 applicant withdrawing. The proposal is to approve all 5 of the applicants. Motion to recommend to Principal Horton to approve all 5 nominations was approved.

GatorAid Update

Libby Pickthorn provided an update to the SC. The committee will be working on creating the webpage over the summer. Goal is to have the page ready before we inform the parents of the program. There is now a line item in the budget for the program for next year.

Open Discussion

We are still in need a Vice President for SC for the next school year. It needs to be someone with at least 2 years left. The Vice President will manage questions about volunteer hours and lead meetings when the President is not present. The Vice President will become the President the following year.

Drop Off/Pick up – the alley is backed up in the afternoon and neighbors are complaining about the inability to get in and out of their homes during this time. Need to figure out a solution for this. Explore a parent volunteer to run this, or parents help to unload?

Closing Prayer

Amanda Roberts led the School Commission in the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned.