



SAINT CHRISTINA SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: August 13, 2024

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE : St. Christina Parish Center

ATTENDANCE

C. Spano, Fr. Wayne, Fr. Brady, A. Hamilton, A. Boyle, A. Carmody, L. Robin, S. Deenihan, D. O'Brien, K. Escalona, M. Wolbers, D. Sullivan

ABSENT: J. Lee

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 pm

OPENING PRAYER: Fr. Brady

ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

None; first meeting of the school year.

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. Looking forward to the return of the school families and the new school year.
 2. Thursday, August 15th is a retreat for all teachers.
 3. Feast of St. Christina is July 24th.
 - a. Celebrated at mass. Will continue this annually and will add more to it each year.
- Opportunity to bring school and parish together.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Class lists sent out on August 8th.
2. Fully hired; a teacher quit last Tuesday and replaced with a veteran teacher.
3. Teachers working since August 5th on the classrooms: organizing, decorating, getting ready for the kids to return.
4. New curriculum added that include: Wilson foundation resource, Social Emotional curriculum, 5th and 6th grade reading material.
5. Partnering with Depaul University
6. Main office will have small improvements to the lobby area.
7. August 13th welcomed new teachers and August 14th will welcome all teachers back.
8. Teacher night (August 19th) will begin in the church and then head to school to drop off supplies.
9. First day is Wednesday, August 21st for K-8 and pre-k open house. Pre-k starts August 22nd.
10. SC won 2nd place for the lawn sign contest on FB- will be one for the first day of school.
11. First family mass on August 18th and followed by the back to school picnic.
12. New this year, SAC agenda will include school goals. Goals were created using SWAT and feedback from parent groups, student groups, administration, and teachers. Developed new committees for faculty this year to aid in the goals below. Plans are underway:
 - a. **Catholic Identity in Building and Curriculum:**
 - i. increase attendance at weekend masses. First this weekend, the next two will involve kids.

- ii. Saints into religious curriculum and culture.
- iii. Virtue types of awards- similar to cardinal callouts with more substance.
- iv. School wide service learning project- students decide what community to help.
A committee of teachers will help

b. Academic Excellence:

- i. Building teacher capacity in terms of differentiating instruction.
- ii. Dr Donna Kiel (DePaul University) coming to do professional education on best teaching practices.
- iii. Lesson planning, peer observation and feedback system.
- iv. Data committee created.
- v. Improving and strengthening parent communication- school wide/parent/student.
- vi. Aligned curriculum- creating a curriculum committee. Curriculum review, mapping, resource alignment.
- vii. Promoting equitable grading practices, improving grading practices to represent what students are learning.

c. School Culture:

- i. Creating a school culture where students feel belonging, respected, and included.
- ii. Improve the buddy system to include mentorship.
- iii. Social Emotional Learning curriculum has already been added.
- iv. Partnering with a leadership program through DePaul University.
- v. Developing Student Council.
- vi. Offering programs such as drama, debate, and journalism. No date yet.
- vii. Creating a Cultural Committee.
- viii. Creating Strategic Planning Committee and will aid in followup and meeting goals.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Speed humps:
 - a. Alderman stated they should be in by the first week of school. Parish is in contact with the Alderman.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Procedure for tracking volunteer hours:
 - a. will be forwarded to SAC members to review prior to presenting at SAC.
- 2. Annual report will be in the bulletin and will be presented to the SAC in the September or October meeting. Budget will be presented to SAC in April.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No community members present.

A. Hamilton motioned to adjourn the meeting; L. Robin seconded the motion.

ADJOURNED AT: 7:33 pm

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 3, 2024

NEXT PRAYER BY: Father Ryan