

## SAC Meeting 11-12-25

### School Advisory Committee Minutes

Present: Adam K-Chair, Travis G-Secretary, Jessica L, Josh U, Simon O, Rob D-Vice Chair, Luke E, Rachel M, Colleen R-Principal, Katie A – Teacher Rep, Dan H-PC, Chris W, Fr. Sweeney

Excused: Rebecca M, Dan G

- I. Prayer/petition – Simon
- II. Sharing of faith – Adam (next month – Josh U)
- III. Public Address - none
- IV. October Minutes approved
- V. Reports
  - a. Chair Report – SAC committee was asked to review the purpose and authority of SAC per bylaws, recommendations to be approved by pastoral council. Purpose to ground SAC in their mission, reviewing bylaws and language of record. No December meeting, January next meeting. Consider recruitment and discernment of invitations to SAC. Provide names of potential candidates to Adam.
  - b. Pastor Report – Ignite (formerly campus ministry) created more time and opportunity for students to explore the bible has been going well. 8<sup>th</sup> grade bible study has been built into 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum (Fr Sweeny/K Toussaint-lead), using the bible timeline from Bible in a year. Goal is to increase prayer, relating to stories from the bible, God's planning for us. Kids are enjoying the habits review, middle school retreat ½ day is coming up.
  - c. Principal Report – Grade level teams met about advent planning and activities. Theme- Be still and know that I am God. Middle School trip to visit St. Therese of Lisieux. School tours continue, inquiry form, shadowing and follow up forms have been redone. Most families that are inquiring are asking for a waitlist. Literacy curriculum continues to get positive responses. Lisa was out for 2 weeks and slowly coming back, Donna new hire has been solid addition. 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball will go with an A-team and a B-team (7 each). Question posed to SAC, what will be St. Dominic's Catholic vision for the school in what area for the future (i.e Math or STEM focus). Concerns to be addressed include:
    - We are underserving students instructional minutes on the archdiocese instructional calendar. The reality is that the school calendar and academic rigor needs to be improved to align curriculum and instruction with grade level scope and

sequence. Offering extension classes while missing core curriculum does not work. Tough decisions will need to be made about the electives and what future course offerings will look like. Lots of work is needed around building curriculum and instruction with appropriate targeted scope and sequence by grade and subject level.

- Considering potentially holding a town hall open forum that helps build some critical awareness of school, parish practices and needed upgrades to policy and practice. Another idea could be some version of listening sessions with the principal and Father Dennis.
- Full transparency and support for to encourage Colleen, Fr, Dennis, Vivian and Michael to work together for the good of the school-parish community is needed
- Considering a survey to establish priorities.
- School finance allocation needs more transparency and crucial conversations are needed around budgeting, allocations and future direction of the school. The question was raised of whether a financial audit may be needed to look at equity and comparable school funding vs other archdiocese school-parishes.

Committee time ran out.

#### VI. Committee Business

- a. Catholic Identity –
- b. Technology –
- c. Marketing –
- d. Playground Project -

#### VII. Unfinished Business

- a. By-Law Updates -
- b. Campus Security -
- c. Prospect Video -

#### VIII. New Business