

1. Opening Prayer

- a. Fr. Danda opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Minutes – Approval

- a. October minutes were reviewed and approved on motion.

3. School Update

- a. Enrollment 507 - we are already receiving interest for next year and giving tours.
- b. Vocations Week
 - i. End every Mass with the vocations cross and prayer every Mass in the school
 - ii. Praying vocation prayer every day this week - beginning
 - iii. Middle School had a visit from Fr. Jack to talk about family and how the family supports your vocation. He shared his story about his discernment after resisting the call several times.
 - iv. Sacristans and servers talked to 2nd-4th grade about their roles in the church during Mass.
 - v. Students are writing letters of encouragement to our seminarian.
- c. Parent Presentations
 - i. Nov. 17th- about invisible disabilities through the Joseph Maley foundation
 - ii. Please wear your SAC name tags if you attend.
- d. Pet Therapy
 - i. One final piece of documentation (insurance from owners) is needed for the Diocese to approve the pet therapy dogs.
 - ii. The dogs have received training through Therapy Dogs International. The dogs' names are Leo and Moses.
 - iii. Leo and Moses will be starting with us on January 6th on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The owners will read with the dogs and remain in the room with them.
 - iv. A notification and permission slip will be sent to families. Parents will be asked to share any allergies a student may have to create a separate plan for those who cannot be around the dogs.
 - v. A school-wide presentation will be held before going into individual classrooms.

4. SAC Members - Ambassadors

- a. The council reviewed the purpose and expectations of serving on the School Advisory Council. The council assists our Principal and Pastor in their duties through providing counsel, advice and stewardship.
- b. Council members should be known in the community and approachable for other families to ask questions and/or concerns.
- c. The council supports Fr. Danda and Mrs. Kennison as they discern topics or concerns presented by parents and families.
- d. When approached by parents and families with topics of question or concern, council members are ambassadors focusing on the mission and policies of the school.
- e. Council members advocate and communicate our school mission and how the school is fulfilling its mission.

5. AI Policy: Subcommittee membership

- a. A small committee formed with teachers and council members.
- b. Fr. Danda and Mrs. Kennison want representation from this council to review the policy and provide a parent perspective
- c. The committee will review the draft policy; the goal is to make it clear, concise and understandable by parents, students, and teachers.

- d. The target timeline is to pilot with middle school students from March-May of this school year.

6. Uniforms subcommittee

- a. The uniform committee presented their review of the current uniform policy and provided comments and possible suggestions.

7. Shamrock Spectacular

- a. The council is establishing a subcommittee for planning of the Shamrock Spectacular.
- b. Several parents have expressed interest in being on the planning committee.
 - i. Ruth McCluskey
 - ii. Linda DeCesare
 - iii. Amanda Capps
 - iv. Ellen Ernstberger
 - v. Kathleen Sippel
 - vi. John Zarich
 - vii. Rachel Nesbit
- c. The council will continue to solicit others who may be of benefit to the planning process.

8. Amazing Parish Event

- a. Fr. shared the Parish book about the principles of Amazing Parish.

9. For the Good of the Cause

- a. A council member shared that a local company has installed safety glass/film in various locations around Hendricks County.
- b. Some community members may be confused that Shamrock Spectacular is the annual fundraiser that replaced Mardi Gras. While interest has been expressed in bringing Mardi Gras back, Shamrock Spectacular serves as the annual event.

Next Meeting: January 8, 2025

The December meeting is canceled and will instead be used for Shamrock Spectacular subcommittee planning.