

School Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 3/1/2023

630-830pm in person

Minutes by Heather Bradford

Action items in bold

Present: David Burroughs (Principal), Carlos Gonzalez (Chair), Charlie Herb (Facilities), Kelly Surapaneni (Catholic Identity), Heather Bradford (Vice Chair and Secretary), Kelly Bach (Health & Safety), Orville McDonald (Technology), Katie Goodrich (Legal), Bridget Darrow (Pastoral Assistant for Administration), Lisa Mallory (Incoming Parent Club President)

Absent: Father Nagel, Merrill Behnke (Parent Club President)

1. Legal (Katie)
 - a. No legal issues
2. Technology (Orville)
 - a. Some questions have been sent to CEO on some aspects of Bloomz functionality.
 - b. Tech Week is coming up (3/27-3/31) – hoping to expand to include more math and engineering sessions. Kelly may have aeronautical speaker contact.
3. Parish Update (Bridget)
 - a. Good response from service sign up weekend at mass
4. Parents Club update (Lisa)
 - a. Bingo night scheduled for May
5. Principal's Update (David)
 - a. Auction very successful, no final numbers yet, Fund A Need goals were met
 - b. Living Joy – free book at church, will be focus of staff retreat next week
 - c. Registration for next year is complete, most grades are full, many grades have waitlists
 - d. Hired new middle school language arts (male) teacher, interviewing for other open positions
 - e. Paul Padilla left youth ministry role at church, St Monica's youth minister will host an event with the Sunday 5pm youth mass
 - f. Stations of the Cross on Friday at 630pm, sign up for soups went out
6. Health and Safety (Kelly B)
 - a. Kelly shared continued concerns about kids' focus on screens, is meeting regularly with SHS counselor about mental health and social media. Considering options for SHS programming.

- b. **Orville to follow up at next tech meeting with Lindsay Steer on parenting programming related to social media and mental health**

7. Strategic Planning:

- a. Data – Was covered last month, **Orville to send key points and registration data that they hope to collect**

- b. Mass engagement (Katie, Heather, Carlos)
 - A. Father Nagel and Father Joseph have been at drop off in morning
 - B. Themed mass – will see if can start with Field Day (weekend of 5/20 and 5/21), wear school colors, give points for attending mass, David to carry this idea forward**
 - C. Will do mass for new families in August before school starts (and match with buddy families), its already on the school calendar

- c. Sacraments
 - A. Discussion of variations of how first communication preparation has changed over the past 15 years. St Monica's school has moved it back to classroom this year. David to discuss with Father Nagel the idea of bringing first communion preparation back to classroom for 2023-2024 school year**
 - B. Discussion of challenge of keeping a youth minister at Sacred Heart and possible solutions
 - C. Goal to increase adoration time for students, currently it is from 2-4pm on Thursdays, consider 1 grade per week for this team, David to carry forward**
 - D. Families helping at mass for first communion – this is already happening

- d. Carlos created master online doc for strategic plan for school commission members to review and comment
 - A. Carlos reviewed other mission statements and made a suggestion for a revision (changing from who we are to what we do)
 - B. Kelly S shared work that archdiocese is doing regarding affordable housing around Partners in the Gospel
 - C. Our 5 key foci:
 - 1. Parish engagement
 - 2. Teachers and staff pay scale
 - 3. Affordable housing
 - 4. Capital campaign
 - 5. Endowment

