

**Sacred Heart School Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 13, 2023**  
**6:30pm-7:30pm**

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Introduction

- Committee reports are going to be emailed prior to meeting in an effort to keep the meeting on time.

Parish Updates

- Partners in the Gospel Feedback Sessions (Sept. 23 - Oct. 14)
  - Listening sessions are a time for people to come and share how they feel about partners in the gospel. Feedback on pairings/groupings.
  - Partners will be announced and then listening sessions. Direct comm to a listening session
  - Opening in youth ministry. Discussing shared youth group with Saint Monica's, Holy Family and SHS.
  - Hiring is difficult at the moment for PAA's and Youth ministers
  - Some programs are already being shared.
- Fountain of Love (Sept. 18/19 6:00pm)
- Parish Festival (Sept. 24 12-3pm)
  - Used to be a highly attended event, Knights of Columbus participated. Bringing back in 2023. Trying to bring back to community as a celebration. After mass, 11am, games and food. Del's catering is doing the food. Young adults will be there, new group (25-35) to recruit. Sign up genius on parish website for volunteer hours.
- Sunday School Begins (Oct. 1 3:30-4:30pm)

School Commission 2023-24

- Open positions
  - Secretary – Merrill Behnke
  - Facilities – Bridget Darrow
  - Finance – still open position
  - Marketing – still open position, someone who could partner with admissions director
- Objectives for the year
  - Finalize the strategic plan

- Catholic identity
- Staffing/compensation how do we address this challenge?

## Committee Reports

- Health & Safety (Kelly Bach)
  - Emergency Preparedness- updating expired items this week with David
  - Great job to the school on presenter re: social media/cell phones! School has done a great job of starting to emphasize this conversation over the last year, excited to see it continue.
  - Hearing/Vision- usually happens Oct. meeting with Ann Marie
  - Emailed David, Erica, Ann Marie re: messaging of when to stay home sick, etc... viral season is going to be a wild one again!
  - Setting up a meeting with Niki to see how/if I can support with mental health conversations (back ground work) especially in middle school.
- Parent's Club (Lisa Mallory)
  - August
    - Teacher and staff in service breakfast on 8/21
    - Back to school coffee on the first day of school
    - School supplies delivered to the classrooms
  - September
    - Teacher and staff back to school lunch on 9/7
    - Drive in movie featuring Encanto on the 8<sup>th</sup> (All feedback has been positive)
    - In the process of planning the Trunk or Treat with our parent volunteers which will be Friday October 27th from 6-7:30pm in the lower lot
    - Bringing back the school wide booing for those families that would like to participate
- Technology (Orville McDonald)
  - Meetings have not started for 2023-2024 school year
  - Expected to investigate options for Robotics and Artificial Intelligence
- Catholic Identity (Kelly Surapaneni)
  - Nothing to report
- Legal (Katherine Goodrich)
  - Nothing to report

## Principal's Update / New Business

- Desk Day/First Day of school
  - Feedback is mixed about not having desk day.
    - Some kids didn't know how to navigate the classes or school

- Parents enjoy going into the classroom to meet the teacher and seeing where kids sit
  - More of a need for k-4 students
  - Middle school more positive feedback, locker set-up was much smoother than years past. Instilled more independence.
  - Teachers enjoyed the new start to the school year, less chaotic.
- Social Media Speaker
  - Great feedback from students and parents.
  - Started conversations at home about social media
  - Good turnout
- Back to school night
  - Difficult having k-4 night and 5-8 night. the second night did not allow for parents to attend two sessions if they had a child in middle school and a child in 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Proposing k-5 night and a 6-8 grade night
- Teachers
  - There are nine new teachers in the community. All have been amazing, jumped in and working hard at their new roles.
- Welcome to Middle School Night
  - Great feedback, super informative for new and existing families entering middle school.
- New Field
  - Working with a parent who is a civil engineer to still improve the field. Looking into cost to potentially turf the surface.

Next Meeting: October 4, 2023