

Sacred Heart School Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2023
6:30pm – 7:30pm

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Approval of Minutes (May 5, 2023 & September 13, 2023)

- Approved

Parish Updates

- Partners in the Gospel Feedback Sessions (Sept. 23 - Oct. 14)
 - Two have occurred, four more to come
 - Info on the Partners of the Gospel is on the parish website
 - The Partners of the Gospel family groupings will be final in January 2024, priest assignments will be announced in Spring and families will formalize July 2024
- Parish Retreat and Festival
 - Festival
 - Festival and cross country meet were same day so difficult scheduling. Same with seahawks game. Will look at schedules more going forward.
 - Good feedback from the community about the festival
 - Great opportunity for students to get service hours
 - Retreat
 - 100 attendees both nights
 - Great feedback but may want to have better communication about what to expect
- Ministry Fair (Oct. 7 & 8)
 - Opportunity to get sign ups throughout the ministry for different parish volunteer jobs
- PorchLight formerly Congregations for the Homeless (November)
 - Signups are on the website
- Advent by Candlelight (Dec. 3 6:00pm)
 - WISH (Women in Sacred Heart) group, first year of this event. Kickoff to Advent.

Principal's Update / New Business

- Great first Hispanic Heritage Mass today. great mix of kids up on the altar singing (from K to 8th grade). will likely turn into an annual tradition.
- Posted the position for Religion teacher and youth minister.

- Field
 - Still working on gathering information for a meaningful solution for the field
 - Looking at turf and grass options for the field
 - Drainage is the biggest issue

School Commission 2023-24

- Open positions
 - Finance (TBD)
 - Marketing (TBD)
- Objectives for the year
 - Strategic Plan Review
 - Staff Compensation
 - Catholic Identity
 - Virtues (academic and theological) of SHS spans all the grades. Teachers have two virtues that they are focusing on each year to incorporate in the classroom, instruction, and studies. Want these to be in the daily life of the students.
 - Curiosity
 - Resilience
 - Respect
 - Patience
 - Gratitude
 - Empathy
 - Christ in the Classroom retreat
 - Parish Engagement
 - Partners in the Gospel

Committee Reports

- Health & Safety (Kelly Bach)
 - Emergency Preparedness- Met with Erica and David, reviewed the container contents. Today sent Erica, who will manage this, an update on what needs to be ordered.
 - Hearing/Vision- met with Ann Marie, she is waiting to schedule the dates around some testing and vision volunteer AV. Anticipates the end of October.
 - Mental Health- Met briefly with Niki. As was sent out by her on 9/21 to the school community an incredible partnership with Care Solace to help families with access to services. I will continually check in with Niki on how I can support her/the school on this!
 - Stay home when sick messaging went out via Erica. Ann Marie has a much more detailed version that she likes to send later in the viral season, anticipate that re-messaging will be important at various times throughout the year.
- Parent's Club (Lisa Mallory)

- We had our first meeting September 11th and we meet again October 9th.
- Sign ups for the school wide boogie went out 9/29, families will be assigned next week.
- Planning is underway for trunk or treat in the lower lot scheduled 10/27 6-7:30pm
- Mother/Son Bowling will take place at Tech City Bowl Friday 11/3 6-8pm. Signups will be coming out mid October.
- Technology (Orville McDonald)
 - Nothing to report
- Catholic Identity (Kelly Surapaneni)
 - School-
 - Student Faith Commission
 - Virtues
 - Christ in the Classroom Retreat
 - Parish-
 - Partners in the Gospel
 - Ministry Fair this weekend
- Legal (Katherine Goodrich)
 - Nothing to report

From the July 3rd end of year update:

This summer we have embarked on several projects. Our Fund-a-Need project for the lower field is on hold for now. After our initial estimates, the contractor with whom we had been working reviewed the quote significantly based on a new evaluation of what he thinks is needed to solve our drainage problem on the field. So, I am working with one of our parents, Jericho Jones, to get a second opinion on these costs as the revised quote is well above what we raised. We are going back to the drawing board to consider the whole proposal again (including another review of the costs for turf). I will share an update as soon as we have more information. The money raised for the Fund-a-Need will be set aside in the meantime until we have a clearer picture of costs.