

St. Pius X Catholic High School
Advisory Council Meeting Agenda
March 20, 2023

Present: Sant Perez, Dev Maguire, Pat Esser, Michelle Schlueter, Andrew Leipold, Aaron Parr, Marsha Free, Sonya Williams, Richard Whitcomb

Absent: Molly Lane, James Flanagan, Sam Noyd, Maria Miller, John Cryer

Welcome and Prayer

- Approval of December 12, 2022 Minutes - minutes approved

- Old business:
 - Aaron covered the winter/early spring successes
 - A new Frassati Brotherhood Lock In was held this past weekend
 - 32 male students signed up for the retreat and it was a huge success
 - Brian Christopherson lead the retreat and he is a rock star
 - Our Theology Department and Campus Ministry held the Lenten Penance Service and it was a huge success
 - Intro to Law - new Business & Computer Science class will be a new class next year
 - Spanish department - introduced a new teaching style and is more conversational and has been a huge success
 - The Fine Arts Festival for the Archdiocese was held here and students from all over the AoA schools participated
 - This event used to be at Blessed Trinity
 - Spring Musical was a huge success; Dance Concert was the following week and was a huge success; Juried Arts Exhibit was held the first weekend of March and another huge success
 - We will need to hire 1.5 teachers to replace her when she retires at the end of 23-24 school year
 - Counseling - new event - College 101 - ½ day for grades 9, 10 and 12 and grade 11 will spend the afternoon with the counselors
 - This is an introduction to the college application process

- Sonia spoke to how well the counselors are working with the juniors and their applications - SAT's, ACT's, essays and applications
- They have been advised to have everything completed by July
- The Academics office will take the freshman class and give them a presentation on registration
- Trivia Night this past Saturday night was a huge success, 42 tables
- It is run by Michael Trujillo, he will be the distinguished alum this past year
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- The new front office is open and the new attendance office is working well
- Construction has begun on the new athletic field house/complex last week
- The permits were held up due to the fact that we had to pay a fee for tree removal of which we were unaware; also DeKalb Peachtree Airport had to "approve" as well due to the height of the building
- We are hosting the AAAIS meeting on April 20 in the library
- Athletics -
- Boys and Girls Basketball - both made the state playoffs; boys won the region for the 7th straight season
- Swim & Dive - 6A - boys placed 6th and girls placed 5th; Julia Herring won diving - 4th straight year
- Soccer - last region games are this week
- Advancement - we are up to \$13.65M for the Capital Campaign
- Our goal is \$14.8M
- Original goal was \$10M and then increased to \$12M
- We have a couple of requests out there and if approved, we will reach \$13.8M
- A question was raised about the drug issues on campus
- Per the ACRE testing, seniors take this test, 10 years ago, drugs and alcohol were the biggest problems on campus
- Now is cheating
- Nicotine and Marijuana are the majority of the positive tests
- Aaron explained the difference between a health contract or a discipline contract
- Most parents are supportive of this program
- We need to discuss this at orientation with the new students
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- New business:

- Finance Council - update -
 - Along with Kim and Aaron, worked hard on the new budget, tuition increase was less than 10%
 - All contractual employees of the AoA can now receive a 50% tuition decrease, but all school have to absorb that tuition decrease
 - The current number is approximately 30 students that affect SPX
 - BT's tuition increase was 10.4%
 - IHM tuition increase was 7.8%
 - Professional development was decreased by half
 - The budget for buses was decreased
 - The faculty Christmas party budget was decreased
 - We are now trying to increase scholarship \$\$ and financial aid \$\$
 - GRACE scholars has more \$\$ than we have ever had
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- President Search - update
 - Meetings were held in February regarding the President Search
 - The interview committee has not heard anything from Partners In Mission
 - BT is already moving forward in their search
 - They have candidates whom they are interviewing
 - We currently have more than one candidate
 - We have not received any updates
 - Pat recommended that we complain about the process to the superintendent
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- Budget Update - see finance council update
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- Tuition Update
 - - Announcement of tuition increase was sent to families on Friday
 - - \$16,800 for active Catholic
 - - \$18,800 for non Catholic or non active Catholic
 - - 9.8% increase
- Facilities update
 - Stadium Repair work -
 - In December, we notices that the track was muddied after a heavy rain
 - Happened again in January

- There was a pipe under the stadium seating had been compromised and then subsequently collapsed and caused a void under the stadium
- We had to close the stadium for a week to determine how far the pipe went
- Fortunately, the pipe was only under the stadium and was an original pipe from the original construction of the stadium
- The Archbishop approved the use of our capital reserve funds in order to repair this pipe
- We are able to host games/events

- Kelly gym floor work
 - The gym floor will be replaced beginning right before spring break
 - 8-10 week process
 - Events in the game gym will be moved temporarily
 - It will be ready for summer camps
 - The suggestion was made to cut up the floor and sell the pieces
 - Use the ChiRho as a piece of art and hang it in the school
 - Put it up for auction at the Gala
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- Admissions Decisions Timeline
 - Last Admissions event will be hosted this coming Thursday “A Last Look”
 - Students and administrators will be present to talk to applicants who come to see the school before making their decision regarding coming to SPX
 - Decisions are released 4/1
- Staff Vacancies -
- 4 teachers are leaving
 - Don Sherwood - retiring
 - Matt Lammers - retiring
 - Giovanni Reyes - leaving to pursue PhD
 - Lauren Chatelain - study support teacher
 - Will Shifrin - counselor - leaving to be head football coach at Chamblee

Major Issues that still need to be addressed:

- The two that were brought to the attention of the AoA
 - - Student Mental Health
 - - Teacher pay

- Counseling office has taken on helping with mental health right now
- We would like to get a schoolwide program for next year that speaks to the students, parents and faculty
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- Upcoming 7 a.m. meeting dates:
 - May 8, 2023