

St. Pius X Catholic High School
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2023

Present: Aaron Parr, Marsha Free, Dev Maguire, Sonya Williams, Andrew Leipold, Molly Lane, James Flanagan, Sant Perez, Richard Whitcomb

Absent: Maria Miller, Pat Esser, Michelle Schlueter, Sam Noyd

Welcome and Prayer

- Approval of March 20, 2023 Minutes - Approved

- Old business:
- New business:
 - Faculty/Staff updates
 - Chatelain, Lauren - Study Support - Brinkley, Tobias
 - Sherwood, Don - Math - Peck, Dena
 - Reyes, Giovanni - Science - Tejani, Julianne
 - Lammers, Matt - Science - Miller, Melissa
 - Udell, Jane - Counseling - Caragher, Christi
 - Shifrin, Will - Counseling - Park, Blair
 - Parkhurst (Whitehead), Mary - Theology - Bond, Lizzie
 - Weick, Amy - Roar Store -
 - Troncale, Sharon - Roar Store
 - Bartholomai, Brigid - Science
 - Ksionzyk, Marie - English
 - Lizzie Bond - Campus ministry - going to be a full time teacher; will be replaced by Liam Byrne, former Ga Tech student highly involved in the Catholic Center
 - There is still a possibility of a Chaplain, we are waiting to hear from Bishop Konzen
 - Christi Caragher is moving into the Counseling office assistant role
 - Kyle Snipes will move into the front office receptionist position for one year
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- Strategic Plan - 2025-2030 -
 - We are going to start planning a new vision for the next 5 years
 - We are in the initial phases now
 - The strategic plan from 2015-2020 - Ring the Bells is a result of that plan and will be closing out soon. The 24-25 school year is when we start the new strategic plan
 - The building on the corner of Shallowford and Dresden will be for sale next year and we have been contacted as a potential purchaser for June 2024

- Coffee with the President -
 - Idea came from another President's at another Catholic School out of state
 - Quarterly in the early a.m.
 - Parents can sign up - 10 -15 parents
 - Have the Principal involved
 - Meet with each grade level
 - Create an agenda for each meeting
 - Start with the freshmen parents
 - We will have a welcome back event 7:30 - 9 p.m.
 - Will be in the late summer with desserts and lemonade
 - Back to school talk and mingle on July 27, 2023
 - The full admin team will be present
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- Student Council revamp and President's Panel
 - A graduated senior sent a letter to Aaron regarding her vision for student council
 - Student council wants more of a voice with the administration
 - 2 representatives per grade and 2 additional seniors who are president and vice president of the student council
 - The students should be engaged with the administration
 - President's panel proposal
 - Beauty of the school is the connection of the students with the faculty and administration
 - This will create a place for different areas of the school to bring ideas to the admin
 - 8 representatives from the student council, 4 from NHS, 2 from SAAC, 2 from Arts, 2 from Lion Leaders, 2 from Diverse Student Union and 2 from Campus Ministry
 - 7:15 - 7:45 a.m. meeting time
 - Give student leaders more time to talk with administrators
 - Chris Murphy would like to have afternoon meetings for the student council can have more meeting time
 - Potential senior privilege to be a member of the President's panel
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- Athletics Hall of Fame -
 - Aaron met with Mark Kelly and Steve Spellman regarding opening one for SPX
 - We did attempt to bring one to light at the 50th anniversary, it never got off of the ground
 - We will need to start it in the 24-25 school year
 - Committee would be headed up by the Alumni Director and the Athletic Director
 - Inaugural class will be the athletes of 60's, 70's and 80's
 - 2nd class would be from the 90's and 2000's
 - Rules will have to be put in place - graduated from SPX for a certain period of time; coached for a certain period of time; etc.

- Charlotte Catholic in NC has a nomination process (on-line) and Mark Kelly researched their program - this is one we could emulate
 - Mark Kelly would be an integral member of the “search committee”
 - Molly Lane also needs to be on the committee
- Finance Council - update - balance sheet included
 - Last meeting was 5/8/23
 - Faculty departures were discussed
 - Budget for 23-24 has been set and there will be tweaks over the summer and finalized in August
 - Gala will be in 2024 on campus
 - Tuition discount was discussed - 50% discount for all contracted employees across the Archdiocese
 - Capital Campaign - \$13.8M raised; goal is \$14.8M - we have a few things in the works to earn the next \$1M
 - We will close this out in 2024 publicly
 - Advancement - 96% faculty/staff participation; we have met our goal of \$925K; 58% parent participation
 - Is there a reason why the parent participation is lower this year?
 - There is a meeting later today
 - Aaron has a meeting with WaffleHouse - Joe Rogers, III is now on the board, Class of 2005
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 - Budget Update - included in documentation
 - Admissions Update - Sara Schmitt was named new permanent director of enrollment beginning July 1, 2023;
 - 281 freshmen coming in; 74% Catholic; 192 coming from partner schools, 55 students from other Catholic Schools, 34 from public schools; our partner schools have less Catholic students which is what they’re sending to us;
 - More Catholic applicants from public schools
 - This trend is not going away
 - Campus Ministry is working on ways to minister to families as well as the students
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 - Facilities update - included in documentation
 - Stadium damage is almost complete
 - Must be completed by 6/1/23
 - The Parrish Construction Company will be encroaching on the stadium by 6/1/23 to pour concrete for the new building
 - The new gym floor has been finished and will be opened up after Memorial Day
 - HVAC is in the final stages; everything will be ready for the next school Mass in August

- The vents that go across the ceiling are retractable and will be opened during basketball and volleyball games
- There are 4 separate HVAC units that will be installed on the roof of the MK gym
- Building permit has been granted from City of Chamblee
- The end date is March 2024, we are planning for June 2024
- The new building will house lacrosse, cheerleading, soccer and wrestling
- The strength and conditioning area will be able to accommodate 90 students per class period
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- Fine Arts - outdoor festival
 - Sold over 600 tickets
 - Major event; SPAS has the \$\$ in their budget to run the event, every 2 years
 - The stage was extremely expensive
 - Diploma Seal - must be in Fine Arts - same discipline for 4 years, or same discipline for 3 years and 1 full year in another discipline, or complete a large project. There is a fine arts honor cord
 - Molly recommended that we have the same for athletics
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- Distinguished Alum - Michael Trujillo
 - Different type of speech this year; his speech was thoughtful and retrospective
 - He came in and spoke to some of the seniors to see what they want to hear at a speech

Do we know the acceptance rates of our students for Georgia and Ga Tech?

- We think that there are 40 students accepted at UGA
- We can get the numbers from the Counseling office and share them with council

This is Molly's and Sant's last meeting, they will be rolling off the council now.

- Upcoming 7 a.m. meeting dates for 23-24 school year: Marsha will send out a calendar invite
 - October 23, 2023
 - December 11, 2023
 - March 18, 2024
 - May 13, 2024