

St. Ann School Council

January 7, 2021

In attendance: Mark Clift, Mike Lisson, Jennifer Schafer, Shawn Kreger,  
Lisa Stuart, Natalie Hartman, Liz Minks, Nancy Wilkerson

- I. Prayer -Liz Minks
- II. Pastor's Report-Fr. Craig- Not Present
- III. Principal's Report-Liz Minks-Purpose of school council is to get feedback. Have a lot to share today but hope to hear more from you in the future.
  - A. Accreditation Process:
    1. Five-year process based on Archdiocese standards. It is scheduled for March 3-5 with March 4<sup>th</sup> being day of all the interviews. Five principals usually come in and observe but will all virtual this year. They will go over artifacts we uploaded and student and parent interviews. How can school council help? They can participate in interviews in group setting so visitors can get a feel for our culture.
    2. Once we get the review, we will revisit our strategic plan and see where we are with the goals of meeting the archdiocese plan for standards and developing common planning time for teachers.
    3. Liz showed a series of slides with the breakdown of current goals based on data collected from annual survey which highlighted curriculum mapping and using data to inform instruction.
    4. Jenny Kropof is working on new version of strategic plan to be presented after the review. She will base it on structure of the template she is learning about in her Masters program. The four pillars are: Faith and Discipleship, Academics, Community, Sustainably.
    5. St. Ann teachers already collaborate with learning center analysis data for each grade but would like it to be a more systematic approach. Goals include: providing staff with analysis training for further informed teaching and use of data to identify areas where growth is needed.
    6. Liz asked Jennifer Schafer if she had any input from a teacher perspective. Jennifer commented; Training has been good...dyslexia training in particular. Also, having a curriculum MAP is great because in the beginning of the year the pace was slow...it has picked up a bit now.... But having the perceptive helped when we were going slow. It was good to have the main headings of what we need to hit and keep it in prospective. When you think you are behind...you can ask "behind what?". Helps the younger teachers understand that this is something you have to add to you tool box. The longer you are in the field the more you discover new ideas. Continued professional development is great.

- B. Ninth Grade Surveys:
1. Presented MAP analysis from 2018-2019
  2. Between math and reading, it is hard to find a goal because all score high but reading is where we would focus for improvement. Where to go from here meeting kids needs is the top priority.
  3. Shawn-Do we have access to St Ann kids scores at high school placement exams? That would be good for immediate feedback to see how they are scoring against their peers. Liz-that placement test is even better than the 9<sup>th</sup> grade survey to see how they match up. She has not received it from high school but will ask.
- C. Enrollment/Open house during CSW:
1. Enrollment starts on Monday. Liz impressed with the culture we have and how responsive we are to the circumstances. She is grateful for how respectful families are of the enrollment process. It gives them a very good idea on enrollment so she can plan for the next year.
  2. Kindergarten-Last year was the first time they collected deposits for people who want to hold their spot. That worked well so did it again. Currently have 36 deposits plus 7 siblings of age...43 potential total ...great place to be.
  3. Catholic school week plan is in the planning stages but they have come up with some fun ways to celebrate in this special time. Mass will happen on Sunday but there will be NO open house. Instead, a video will be put out to serve as a virtual open house.
  4. Junior High OPEN HOUSE-How about inviting the sixth-grade families in to show off what makes our JR HIGH special as a means to mitigate attrition in the JR HIGH. Needs to be early when families are making decisions. Enrollment and CSW time are appropriate for that.
  5. Mark asked if we should send information to School of Religion kids for enrollment. Liz will ask Father and Stephanie Meeker about that.
- D. Second grade for next year:1<sup>st</sup> grade at 53 students so are we going to add another classroom? Not adding another classroom but adding FULL time instructional assistance for the 2 existing classes. Could keep more assistances as this large class moves through the years. Letter with the plan for second grade will go out Jan.8.
- E. Nancy- Recommend that all council members watch “The Social Dilemma”. It is a great explanation of the dangers of artificial intelligence and the matrix of social media that we and our children need to be aware of. Nancy suggests that it be shown to students in small groups with Chloe Zinn as the moderator. Use it as a teaching tool to help parents reinforce the message at home. Could be sponsored by Health and Wellness committee since they are looking for something to feature. Liz asked Natalie to bring it up at PTO to consider.
- F. Next meeting: Thursday, February 4 at 12:30 pm via Zoom