



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes: Thursday, September 24, 2020

Attendees:

Patricia Opon
Pamela Steinkirchner
Annette Vela
Paula Allgood
David Cowen
Tara Powell
Christina Booker

Father Marco
Debbie Reed
Jeff Hoke
Angela Baldwin
Joseph Weber
Jeanne Rickert
Mike Zeleski

Opening Prayer: Mike Zeleski

Minutes: Approved

Father's Report:

- Work has begun on the Columbarium expansion, 100 new niches will be available
- Kathy Thompson is spearheading an outdoor concert on the field that will take place on October 3rd
 - Masks will not be required
 - Knights of Columbus will serve hamburgers and hot dogs
- Will continue to have church staff present in the Narthex on Sundays which has been well received
- Trying to organize a visit to the school with the new youth director and youth coordinator of youth ministries
- Parish staff has several new members and a new staff list will be provided to the school
- Church is receiving 60% of giving compared to last year
 - STMC seems to be doing better than other churches in the diocese
- Mass attendance is going up and an additional Spanish mass might need to be added
- Father Cliff is welcome on campus and at church; let Father Marco know as a courtesy

Principal's Report:

- Five weeks into school, holding strong and have marveled at how well everything is going.
 - Kids no longer notice the masks
 - Teachers are easing into the balance of OCL and in-person learning
 - New normal is beginning to feel normal
 - Superintendent wants STMCS to withhold from making any changes at this time, will likely revisit 10/15
 - Priority is to get kids back to mass, followed by combined class recess
 - Currently, coming together as a group is off limits
 - Teachers have been incredible putting in a lot of time and effort into everything

Assistant Principal's Report:

- Standardized tests the week of October 11th
 - OCL middle school students to come on campus to do tests
 - Elementary OCL students will not take standardized tests
- DECATS – waiting to see how it will be handled this year but will likely use 2 years of data
- DukeTIP – will use 2 years of data in order to determine qualification into the program
- PSIA – Unknown if it will be held this year
- Parents must notify school by October 12th if their OCL child will return to on campus learning for the 2nd semester
- General statistics are showing that contact tracing for COVID is leading back to youth sports in many cases
 - School has 5 certified contact tracers
- School is unclear as to how the holidays will be handled
 - May need to do a mandatory shutdown for some period of time after the holiday occurs
- Teacher commissioning mass will be on October the 9th and the Bishop will be presiding

President's Report:

- Nothing new to report

Marketing Report:

- Scripted and filmed virtual tour of school and hope to have final version published soon
- Still holding tours but limited, and visitors can't go into any of the classrooms
- Boosting publicity around "how healthy" we are, no COVID cases to date
- Floor Scrubber donated by STMCS family, 1st K-12 school in the US to have one
 - Scrubber has been turned into a "lion" by a staff member
 - Scrubber is a "new" member of the maintenance team
 - School will hold a naming contest
 - Using artificial intelligence to program it and involving the Robotics Team
 - Incorporating it into academic curriculum
 - School is participating in a case study with the scrubber company
 - Hoping to leverage press opportunities
 - STEM connection
- Placed a ½ page ad in the Back to School edition of the Texas Catholic newspaper

Finance Report (Annette Vela):

- Agreed Upon Procedures Review completed and well received
- Discussed enrollment
 - Budget is very tight for the year
 - All financial aid donations and North Texas Giving Day proceeds will go to Financial Aid with the increased needs this year

Technology Committee Report:

- Nothing new to report

Facilities Committee Report:

- New awning completed and looks great
- Ceiling leaks again due to roof
- Trees need to be trimmed

Closing Prayer: Father Marco

Adjournment

- **Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 22, 2020