



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 16, 2020 via Zoom
St. James the Apostle Catholic School

St. James the Apostle Catholic School is a Christ-centered community where children can grow in faith, values of service and academic excellence.

“St. James the Apostle Catholic School Distance Learning Platform”

Members Present: Thelma Campa, Mona Lopez, Jessica Garcia, Raul Espinoza, Eddie Molina, Brenda Pina, Deborah Harrison, Hector Perez, Angela Ruiz, Carol Viagran Christine Aguilera, Sr. Debbie, Dr. Grenardo

Members Absent: Matthew Navarez

Approval of Minutes: Approved

General Reports

Parish Report – Sr. Debbie

Reduction in staff and office hours

No community weekend masses

Champion Food Distribution – Now through August every Wednesday @ 9am – 12 pm

Live Stream Masses

- Friday Mass @ 8 am on St. James the Apostle Catholic School Facebook Page
- Sunday Mass @ 12 pm on St. James Church Facebook Page

PTC Report – Carol Viagran

- Status of Future Events
 - Fall 2020: Royal Bash Fun Day 12pm-6pm, Resume planning in August
 - Undetermined: 5/16 Plate Sale
- Action Teams
 - Resume in August: Royal Bash – Parents, Room Parent coordinators, & PTC Board
 - Undetermined: BBQ Plate Sale
- PTC Scholarships – distributing application this week to 8th grade via Google Classroom

Principal Report – Dr. Grenardo

Do Not Hire Registry through TEA - Results confirmed that there are no sanctions on any of our active employees at St. James the Apostle Catholic School.

Faculty and Staff Evaluations – Formative and summative evaluations include 3rd quarter performance in the traditional classroom and 4th quarter performance through our Distance Learning Platform. Dr. Grenardo will be meeting with faculty and staff individually via Zoom.

Updates from the Dept. of Catholic Schools

- Intent to return forms – “In light of the current COVID-19 health crisis, no decisions as to ministry agreements will be communicated to employees prior to May 15th as there are likely to be some changes in the ministry agreement for 2020-2021 due to the current situation.”

- PreK4SA Nature Explorer Grant
 - ELC Playground Design
 - Possible re-appropriation of some funds – Chromebook slates for Pre-K 4

St. James the Apostle Catholic School Distant Learning Platform - Launched March 23, 2020

- Progress Reports – emailed Thurs., April 23, 2020
- Instructional Plan submitted to Archdiocese Tuesday, April 18, 2020
 - Professional Development
 - All info in centralized location – school website
 - Daily videos from Dr. Grenardo, Sr. Debbie, and classroom teachers
 - Google Classroom
 - Online platforms
 - Parent Survey
 - Zoom with core teachers and specials
 - Zoom Guidelines
 - Safety & Security Measure
 - Invitations to parent and student emails and Google Classroom
 - Packet pick-up for Pre-K 3 and 1st grade on Fri., April 17th
- Schoolwide/Community Events
 - Holy Week Activities – April 6th – 10th
 - Stations of the Cross Slide Show by Class of 2020
 - Easter Lights across San Antonio - #EasterLightsSA: Holy Saturday – Pentecost Sunday
 - Easter Eggstravaganza – April 13th – 17th
 - Purple Up Day! Wear purple to honor our military children – April 15th
 - Jesus Spottings – April 20th – 24th
 - April Birthday Recognition – Wed., April 22nd in Morning Message
 - Parents of students receive a personal birthday blessing email from Dr. G and Sr. Debbie
 - No School Friday, April 24th – Battle of the Flowers – Create your float?
 - Renewing Our Baptismal Promises and Pictures – April 27th – May 1st
 - Spirit Week by Student Council – May 4th – 8th
 - Student Council Page in Newsletter
 - Virtual Field Trips – coming soon!

Success Stories

- Daily Morning Message
- Mrs. Aguilera
- Facebook Washing of the Feet – over 6,000 views

COVID-19 Procedures and Protocol – Continue to monitor

Old Business –

- Parent Survey – added more Zoom classes
- Admissions update – Mrs. Aguilera
- 2020-2021 Calendar – due May 15th
- SAC nominations

New Business

Financial Assessment Report submitted to Archdiocese for April – June 2020

- Paycheck Protection Program Loan submitted to Archdiocese on Wed., April 8, 2020
 - Archdiocese submitted to bank on Wed., April 15, 2020.

- The loan will be fully forgiven if the funds are used for payroll costs and utilities. At least 75% of the forgiven amount must be used for payroll.

2020-2021 Projected Budget due May 30, 2020

- Items to consider: enrollment and staffing

Service Hour Proposal

- Parents record service hours in RenWeb
- Service hours earned for promoting St. James
 - Share Facebook Post with another group = ? hours
 - Refer St. James to another family – copy Ms. Aguilera and Dr. Grenardo = ? hours
- Re-enrollment = ? service hours for THIS year
- Family Prayer

Scheduled Spring Raffle – New date: May 28th

- Collection of tickets and monies TBD

Hope for the Future

- Minimal emergency assistance is available; must complete application
- Early round scholarships for 2020-2021 will be announced early May
- Scholarship applications are still open

Community Involvement

- Drive-thru Parade
- Newsletter Suggestions
- Other Suggestions

Next Meeting – Thurs., May 21st @ 6 pm

Easter Prayer

O Lord,
 Risen, alive and full of grace.
 You paid such a price that we may live in freedom today.
 We worship your holy name and give thanks for your redeeming grace.

Heavenly Father,
 May we drink in your tender love so that we can pour this love out to others.
 Come reign in our hearts, minds and spirits.

Holy Spirit,
 We welcome you to blow through our every word, action and thought.
 Come transform us on the inside so that each day we become more like our risen Lord.
 Amen.

