

St. Paul's Catholic School

School Board Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2018

School Board Members in Attendance: Brooke Anderson, Chris Joyce, Christi Elflein, Krissy Thompson (Principal), Suzi Houlihan (Faculty Representative), Megan Bond (PTA Representative)

Legacy of Faith Capital Campaign Update: The goal of \$8 million for Phase 1 has been reached, with \$3 million collected. The campaign needs \$4 million collected to begin the project. We are optimistic that this can be achieved by next summer. Phase 2 of the campaign is underway.

Security Update: An officer from the Jacksonville Beach Police Department (JBPD) is on campus during school hours every day. It is a win-win for the school and the city. The kids are getting to know them and they are getting to know our campus and our routines. The cost is \$65,000 a year. Emergency funds have been allocated to pay this expense this school year, but we need to secure funding to pay this for future years. A security fee was raised as a possibility. This will need to be discussed at a later date.

JBPD conducted a security analysis of the campus over the summer. We are in the process of implementing all of their recommendations. The shrubs have been removed from in front of the church and trees and landscaping have been placed where they recommended. New lighting costing \$4,000 has been implemented. And 20 walkie talkies have been purchased for faculty and staff who are walking around campus. Fourteen additional walkie talkies are needed so that every teacher has one at all times. They cost \$500 each. This will be placed on the Oyster Roast Giving Tree Wish List.

An estimate for fence screening was reviewed. A priority is to screen the Early Learning Center's playground which can be seen from Beach Blvd. This playground however will be removed during the construction of the church. The cost of the fence screen for that fence is \$2100 and will not be able to be reused. Possible temporary screening ideas included potted plants, vines and advertising banners.

Accreditation: The accreditation team of four principals from other Florida Catholic schools will be here September 24-26.

Gym Update: The gym is scheduled to be complete on October 26th. Costs that need to be covered still include \$60,000 for drainage and \$30,000 for the reconstruction of the field. These expenses will not be covered by insurance. We are waiting to hear whether FEMA will cover this expense. The \$70,000 raised from Oyster Roast 2017 is ear marked for the upgrades that were not covered by insurance including AV equipment and the pitched roof. Oyster Roast 2016 funds are still set aside for the shade structures to be constructed over the playground after the gym is complete.

Improvement Projects Completed Over the Summer Break:

- Installed art work in the stairwells (\$3,000)
- Remodeled Science/STEM room (\$30,000)
- Painted ELC classrooms (\$5,000)

- Installed new lighting for security (\$4600)

Future Improvement Projects:

- Fencing Middle School Parking Lot (\$29000)
- Landscaping Middle School Parking Lot (\$2000)
- Playground Windscreens (\$3200)
- Field Windscreens (\$4000)
- Relocation of ELC playground

Future Wish List Improvement Projects:

- Replace aging fire sprinkler system
- Pavers for parking on 2nd Ave
- Remodel of all bathrooms (\$18,000 each)
- Update irrigation and wells
- School programs: increase enrichment opportunities (arts, STEM, virtual classroom, world languages)

Future Growth: When construction of the new church begins, the VPK classrooms will need to be relocated. The cost to locate the portables on the scout property was going to cost over \$250,000 for two years. An opportunity arose over the summer to purchase the Montessori preschool building located across from Father Murphy Hall. Father Houle approved the purchase. It cost \$420,000. The goal is to renovate the building and have it ready for VPK for the 2019-2020 school year.

Enrollment Numbers:

- Current – 689 (class size 26-32)
- Maximum – 736 (30 students per class)
- Optimal – 694 (28 students per class, 18 per VPK, 100 ELC)

Standardized Testing: The diocese replaced the ITBS test with Terra Nova. Concerns amongst parents have been raised as to consistency for being able to compare past tests to future tests. Terra Nova is known to be very similar to ITBS, yet more updated and modern and not as time heavy.

School Board Operation: Diocese school board policies were reviewed. There will be a track for school board members at the Council for Catholic Academies Workshop, scheduled for October 12th.

2018-2019 School Board Meeting Dates:

- September 10, 2018 – Monday
- October 10, 2018 – Wednesday
- November 14, 2018 – Wednesday
- January 9, 2019 – Wednesday
- February 11, 2019 – Monday
- March 11, 2019 – Monday
- May 15, 2019 - Wednesday