

**Saint Francis Xavier School
School Council Minutes
24 FEB 2022**

In attendance:

Members:

Jeff Keating – President, jffkeats@gmail.com
Sharon Phillips – Secretary, sharonphillips.rd@yahoo.com
Stephanie Benson – Member, smy3@hotmail.com
Nicole Berry – Member, PTO President, berrymomof2@gmail.com
Amanda Fields – Member, amanda.fields@yahoo.com
Ricardo Vieyra – Member, ricovksu04@cox.net
Beth Hausauer – Member, ethausauer@yahoo.com

Ex Officio Members:

Shawn Augustine – Principal, augustines@saintxrams.org
Carol Tomson – Business Manager, business-admin@saintxrams.org
Kristel Jahnke – Activities, Marketing jahnkek@saintxrams.org

Others in attendance:

Chris Robison – Staff
Alyssa Hay – Teacher
Kristen Dinsmore – Teacher
Andre Cavitt – Teacher
Natalie Justin – Counselor
Stephen Marshall – St X School Parent
Dan Culbertson - Staff

5:35 pm – called to order by Jeff Keating

Opening Prayer & Reflection – Jeff Keating.

Previous Minutes Nicole Berry motions to approve, Stephanie Benson 2nd. Motion carries to approve as written.

Accreditation Presentation – presented by school staff and principal (Cavitt, Dinsmore, Hay, Justin, Jahnke, Augustine)

Introductions, covered Diocesan schools, local demographics, proximity to Fort Riley.
Review school mission: discipline, integrity, empathy.

Questions – What are we doing different than public schools? Can we use a Master/Great Books curriculum like a parish school in the western portion of our diocese? No one uses that. Diocese chooses approved curriculum. Mr. Augustine doesn't see curriculum expanding.

Where does the Friendly Program come from? Does it align with Catholicism? It is from the diocese and was developed by two Christian women.

Is Theology of the Body being implemented? Yes. Pamphlets/small books and letters were sent home.

Committee reports –

Finance Report: (Carol Tomson) - emailed

Questions: Finance Council President contact information is incorrect in the bulletin.

School Report (Shawn Augustine) – emailed. Additions at meeting include further staffing needs for SY22/23 (PreK Aide, Aftercare, Cafeteria Cook), lost a 6th grade student, gained a first grade student. Gym HVAC delayed due to equipment delays.

Questions: None

Auction (Kristel Jahnke) – Date: 30APR22. Auction is requiring donors, solicitors, and extra help. It provides roughly 1/6th of the school's income. Upcoming event: 7MAR22 from 3:45pm to 7:00pm envelope stuffing. Auction will be catered by Hog Wild BBQ, Circle groups will provide desserts which will need to be cut and presented on dessert table, Clean Up will be on 1MAY. Soliciting needed for Silent and Live Auction items.

Questions: Could students receive service hours for clean up? Possibly.

PTO (Nicole Berry) – Victoria Cugini is the new president. Stations of the Cross will be led by School Council on Tuesday, March 29 at 6:00PM. Next meeting is 23MAR22.

Questions: Stations times were clarified: Tues 6:00pm, Fri 3:00pm.

Old Business -

Accreditation Presentation – see above

School Budget Preparation (Augustine/Keating) Finance council recommended increase in tuition. Principal proposed a \$1200 charge for fourth child. Council members noted this will put the burden only on largest families. Council suggested spreading burden of cost across all families with a \$25/child/month increase. Council did not vote on increase. RV Foundation money must be spent within the school or parish and may be a good spot for donations to assist the school. JK suggests adding another preschool class in what is labeled as the Adoration Chapel. Multiple Council Members express frustration with and reluctance to being expected to approve a budget without supporting documentation.

Questions: - Is the increase in adult lunch prices addressed or not? Yes.

Are we underbudgeting? Need to reflect true costs in the budget to avoid being over budget.

Should school budget include both universal free lunch program continuing concurrent with student-pay or have one column for each scenario (universal free lunch continues vs student-pay resumes)? Will add columns for each scenario.

Can we see General Ledgers as past councils have to aid in accurate assessment of prior year funds handling to assess an effective next year budget? No, and past councils have not seen them, either. SP states she had in her possession General Ledgers along with previous budgets from 2012.

New Business –

Constitution & By-Laws - tabled

Questions:

Open Forum – none

Next Meeting: MAR 24 @ 5:30pm

Closing prayer made by Jeff Keating

Motion to adjourn by SB Second by AF Motion Carries. Meeting Adjourned @ 7:53 pm.