

Saint Francis Xavier School
School Council Minutes
17 June 2021

In attendance:

Members:

Father Gnanasekar

Jeff Keating – President, jffkeats@gmail.com

Josh Lichtensteiger – Vice President, joshualick07@gmail.com

Sharon Phillips – Secretary, sharonphillips.rd@yahoo.com

Stephanie Benson – Member, smy3@hotmail.com

Ex Officio Members:

Shawn Augustine – Principal, augustines@saintxrams.org

Max Cerna – Finance Secretary, business-admin@saintxrams.org

Others in attendance:

*Kristel Jahnke – Staff, Activities, Marketing/Recruitment

*Chris Robison – Staff, Teacher

*Chad Stramel – Staff, Teacher

*Dan Culbertson – Staff, Teacher

6:39pm – called to order by Jeff Keating

Opening Prayer & Reflection – Father Gnanasekar

Previous Minutes Josh Lichtensteiger motions to approve, Stephanie Benson 2nd. Motion carries to approve as written.

Committee reports –

Finance Report: (Max Cerna/Jeff Keating/Shawn Augustine)

Questions: None

School Report (Shawn Augustine) – attached.

Questions: Sports - Basketball program in jeopardy because of sports at JCHS. Some of our students are being recruited to other schools. Hoping to be allowed baseball in addition to football. Have gotten a No from CHS. Transportation will fall to parents. Looking into school in a 20 mile radius. MHK may be a good draw for MHK Catholic School Students. Possibly losing 3 to JCHS due to baseball. Last co-ops were 15/16. No evidence as to why program abruptly stopped.

Volunteers for FW stand - about the same # of volunteers, email has been sent out. Shortened amount of time for the stand, awaiting fireworks from company.

Any new families volunteered – mixed response, PTO, classroom parent, full time sub, parents fill out a volunteer form to gauge interest as part of the enrollment packet.

Recruiting families through new report info meetings on post.

Try to get the word out about the school in general.

When do families know they are leaving – military, in Oct or March.

We need to promote our school to our own parish family. Josh Lichtensteiger volunteered to speak at masses.

Trying to get the word out prior to JCHS enrollment, they are 11% down in enrollment.

Recruiting/Marketing: (Kristel Jahnke).

Questions: None

Sub-Committee: (Josh Lichtensteiger) –

Questions: None

Activities (Kristel Jahnke)

Questions: None

PTO (Nicole Berry)

Questions: None

Auction (Open Position) – No Report

Questions:

Parish Council (Jeff Keating)

Questions: none

Good of the school (Fr Gnanasekar) – thanks the school for completing the difficult year.

Mohr is a lapsed Catholic and is requesting permission to teach religion. Fr G suggests she should be given guidelines. Concern raised over-use of book without imprimatur. She is going through a course to learn how to teach Catholicism. Religion teacher is prepared to mentor her through the process. Nicole Berry will be teaching every other Thursday. Fr concern is we have volunteers, but we need consistency through the year and through the years. Mr Culbertson will be out for at least one up to six months. Amber Davis has been tapped to be a long-term sub.

Questions: None

Old Business -

Council Membership – Jeff has approached two people, Sharon one. Fr wants people with education background, Military, local, parish, parents, Catholics, find a balance. Expects people to volunteer within the council and be able to maintain confidentiality. Local area parishioners. There is a procedure for selecting new members.

Student Handbook Changes (volunteers) – still waiting for formalized language for new volunteer fee program. Should be per family.

New Business –

Scholarship Disbursement process – Jeff asks Fr G if there is a process for money disbursement for scholarships to increase enrollment and allow more families to afford the school tuition. Since the money is coming from parishioners should be used for, who? Go over W2, financial plan, see what they can pay, volunteer the required 10, plus additional service. How will we award the money? Is there a cap? Ad Hoc committee formed to review policies. Max Cerna & Josh Lichtensteiger

Open Forum – Adoration, invitation to attend adoration Tuesday evenings from 8pm -9pm.

Mr. Culbertson has a letter going out to parents and a video parents can watch regarding the 8-session Theology of the Body program.

Josh approached by Amber Davis regarding Capon's Men. MoH winner, men's group. Spring & Fall semester. One of the people who has experienced one of the miracles is a contact of the Parish through Amber.

Next Meeting: JUL 22 @ 5:30pm

Motion to adjourn by Josh Lichensteiger Second by Jeff Keating Meeting Adjourned @ 6.47pm.