

School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting Minutes

Members present: Stephen Turk, Chris Spilker, Erin Dawkins, Mitchell Dawkins,
Marjorie Bresson

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by Chair, Chris Spilker

Membership:

Committee members unanimously accepted nomination of two new committee members, Chris Chervenak (parent of a 2nd grader) and Hillary Johnson (parent of a kindergarten and 2nd grader). Now that nominations have been approved by the committee, Mr. Turk will extend the final invitation and our new members will be invited to join us for next month's meeting.

We thank Julie Kane for her service to the SAC committee. She is now Preschool/Latchkey Director at Guardian Angels and we will benefit from her skills in these positions.

Principal's Report:

After possible exposure outside of the school, a few GA students have had to be tested for COVID-19; thus far, all results have been negative. One distant exposure resulted in a family being requested to self-quarantine and remain home from school for several school days plus a weekend. Although the risk was very low, the family cooperated out of an abundance of caution. The school staff appreciates families' willingness to comply with requests in the interest of keeping all of our students and staff safe.

Cleaning products are being restocked and updated with the most recent recommendations as they become available. The school has been replacing those that smell unpleasant, as better and safer options become available. Suppliers

have been cooperative, and items are restocked whenever possible, so cleaning products are on hand when needed.

Paper placemats are now being used in the classrooms at lunch time. Baby wipes are frequently being used by students (for example, to remove sticky items from fingers). While handwashing and sanitizing are still being done multiple times per day, wipes are helpful for quick after lunch clean-ups. If you are willing to purchase a large boxes of baby wipes (like those from the “big box” stores such as Costco or Sam’s Club, etc.) your donation would happily be accepted in the office.

As Mrs. Perry had announced earlier this year, through funding by the federal government, every student can get a free lunch until end of the calendar year or as long as current funds allow. There is a possibility this funding may be extended, allowing free lunches for all students through the end of the school year. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Mr. Turk has requested that teachers take students out twice a day in addition to lunch recess to allow them some time outside without masks.

Doorknobs, handrails and other high touch areas are all sanitized 2-3 times per day. Windows are also opened in the classroom as often as possible to allow for fresh air circulation. Therefore, your child may want to wear/bring a sweater or light jacket to school.

Due to the COVID-19 closure and extended time away from school, students took a bit more time to adjust to being back at school than usual. But overall things are “really rolling along now”.

Current enrollment: 159 students K-8; approximately 40 students preschool

Star 360 testing went very well overall. For example, one first grade class was 17/18 at or above benchmark. Scores will be released by conference time.

Conferences will be first Thursday of November. Teachers will schedule 10-minute conferences. If you need additional time, please contact your child’s teacher for a separate conference.

Plans for this year’s musical are well under way. This year’s performance is being planned to be virtual OR live, depending on circumstances at the time of the performance. For everyone’s safety, the committee will view recorded auditions.

Virtual rehearsals will be held before Christmas and in-person will hopefully happen in the new year. Hoping for May 13th and 14th in-person performances.

A waiver has been created by _____ to reduce instructional time this school year from 1098 hours to 1070 hours of instruction (which is the equivalent of 4 days of school). Mr. Turk will be making a more formal announcement, but plans are under way to cancel school for the Monday following Thanksgiving. Families are encouraged to have smaller, more intimate family celebration. For the health and safety of all, if you travel, please plan to self-quarantine from school for 72 hours upon your return.

The school would like to get at least one portable hand-washing station, specifically for use in the preschool wing. They are expensive and typically cost about \$600-700. At this time, they are sold out everywhere, but purchase of one will be considered when stock becomes available again.

Although many of our GAP and group school activities have been cancelled for this year, Trunk or Treat is a favorite fun outdoor event we are able to hold this year. It is being held on Friday, October 30th from 6:00-8:00 in the school parking lot.

We have had quite a few new families join us this school year. Several have expressed they are very happy at Guardian Angels. A primary focus of the SAC committee this year will be on maintaining the students that we have gained while continuing to attract new families to our school.

New business:

A motion was made by Chris Spilker to suspend the current SAC by-laws in order to bring them into alignment with the diocesan standards and the current health crisis situation. The motion was seconded by Mitchell Dawkins and unanimously agreed upon by the SAC committee members. Therefore, SAC members will bring these two documents together at the next meeting and begin the revision process.

SAC discussed ways to maintain and further market our school. These discussions will continue throughout the school year.

Continue to plan for future fundraisers for school marketing purposes, including another Trivia Night.

Suggestion: possible introduction of “student ambassadors”; students at mass or serving as tour guides when we have visitors in the building. Our students are one of our greatest assets. How can we utilize and showcase their skills?

Future SAC meetings planned for the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Marjorie Bresson, SAC secretary