

School Advisory Committee (SAC)
Meeting Minutes - April 15, 2021

Members Present:

Chris Spilker, Erin and Mitchell Dawkins, Hillary Johnson, Chris Chervenak, Marjorie Bresson, Stephen Turk

Meeting called to order at 7:10 by Chris Spilker.

Principal's Report

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year continues to grow. Currently there are 195 students enrolled K-8, which is WAY ahead of enrollment levels at this time of year for previous school years. Several grade levels are full, with a few students on waiting lists. 6 families have joined the parish this year, who have no previous affiliation with any Catholic parish. Not only have they joined Guardian Angels, but they will be baptized and formerly join the Catholic church in the upcoming months.

Guardian Angels has recently gained a few families who were formerly at a neighboring private academy. These families have joined us and are spreading the word about how much they like GA; several other families have expressed interest as a result.

Guardian Angels hoped to be able to host an Open House this spring. However, due to the upswing in recent COVID-19 cases, the Open House for this year has been cancelled. SAC will strategize about other ways to use social media to reach the same audience we might capture in an in-person Open House.

32 students remained virtual after spring break. The school is aware of 5 active cases of COVID-19, all of which were contracted over break. Those students will be quarantining for 14 days. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in helping to keep our GA community safe and healthy.

Spring athletics (softball, baseball, lacrosse and track) will begin on April 26. Mr. Turk and Mr. Maltese (GA Athletic Director) will be performing COVID-19 testing on student athletes ages 13 and over.

Some of the technology used by students (and staff) is in need of replacement. The school is looking at replacing the current iPads used in the K-2 classrooms with Samsung tablets. Several staff Chromebooks are also in need of replacement as they get used frequently and only seem to last a few years. The school is considering charging a technology fee starting next school year. This would begin when students reach the Academy (grades 6-8). Students would get a Chromebook upon entering 6th grade; they would use it while they are in the Academy and then students would keep the device when they leave GA at the end of 8th grade.

Star 360 test results have been released and sent to families. Results show that our students made some nice progress, given that instruction continued last school year, despite the school closure due to the pandemic. New students who joined GA from other schools, including some of our local public schools, have now demonstrated significant progress in their test results after joining GA. A parent

suggested using some of these positive test results to showcase the significant gains GA students were able to make despite these challenging educational times created due to the pandemic.

Guardian Angels is in the process of planning summer opportunities for our students. They are currently accepting registration for Summer School. 30+ families expressed interest in attending Summer School, but so far less than 10 families have registered. Payment arrangements will be made once the program is finalized. It will not operate unless a minimum of 40 students are enrolled. So please submit your registration by April 30th.

Mr. Turk is also exploring several other recreational summer programs including robotics, art and basketball/sports. These programs will primarily be for K-5 students and utilize older students as helpers. Several 6th grade girls recently had the opportunity to participate in a babysitting class. We hope to utilize these trained students to assist with some of our younger students in our recreational summer programs.

At this time, we anticipate all staff members will be returning to Guardian Angels. Ms. Rottner is anticipated to move to kindergarten and a new 3-year-old preschool classroom will need to be created, based on current numbers. Mr. Turk already has at least one interested teacher candidate for the preschool classroom. Due to restrictions set by the state that prevent preK-1 grade students being on the second floor, the current teacher's lounge will be converted to a classroom for next year to accommodate our growing enrollment. A new staff space will be created on the second floor.

The National Football League has made some changes which resulted in next year's Super Bowl date being moved. This will cause a change in the proposed calendar previously shared by Mr. Turk. This year on "Super Bowl Monday", a significant number of students were observed to be absent or extremely tired during school. Therefore, Mr. Turk arranged the calendar to accommodate for no school the day after the Super Bowl next year.

New Business

A proposal is still being considered for a SAC sponsored adult Trivia Night this year to raise money for marketing our great school. Watch for further details once we have received approval. April or May are our target months to hold this event.

Mr. Turk has nominated a 7th grade parent to join the SAC committee. We are anxious to have additional representation for parents of students at the Academy level. The nominated candidate will be invited to next month's meeting, with the hopes she will be willing to join our committee on a full-time basis.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Marjorie Bresson, SAC secretary