

School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting Minutes January 19, 2022

Members Present: Chris Spilker, Chris Chervenak, Stephen Turk, Mitchell Dawkins,
Marjorie Bresson

Meeting called to order at 7:20 (due to technical difficulties).

Principal's Report

- Guardian Angels is following the guidelines provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for COVID-19 protocols.
https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/MI_Safer_Schools_Guidance_for_Managing_Students_Exposed_to_COVID-19_734750_7.pdf
- There were 13 active cases of COVID-19 after winter break. Between 38-42 students have been absent per day since we returned from break due to the close contact protocol.
- A 6th grade student shadowed this week to get an up-close look at how things operate at GA. Our athletics program (specifically basketball) has drawn some additional interest to the school.
- Staff has already been giving tours for families interested in attending GA next school year.
- The school is considering adding an additional classroom next year. There has been some discussion about modifying the current library configuration, returning half of it to use as a classroom as it was configured years ago. The media materials could be split into two smaller spaces - a PreK-2nd grade library in part of the current space and a 3rd-8th grade library located upstairs.
- Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit, Kevin Kijewski, has submitted an early resignation. Laura Knaus is currently serving as Interim Superintendent.
- Mr. Turk reported that Fr. Tony and Mr. Karol, business manager for GA, have been working well together as a great decision-making team, which has made for a smooth school year, despite some very trying times.
- 7th/8th grade students had a special gathering in the gym prior to the holiday break in place of classroom activities celebrated by some of the younger classes.

New Business

- Mr. Turk and the School Improvement Team will be beginning the process of textbook review, searching for a new English Language Arts (ELA) text book.
- Mr. Turk has had to fill in as lunchroom supervisor on a few occasions while parents are out as part of COVID-19 protocol. A SignUp Genius has been shared

so that additional parents can come in to cover the lunchroom, allowing Mr. Turk to return to his regular responsibilities.

- Re-enrollment for next school year will begin on January 31st in the FACTS system.
- Catholic Schools Week is January 30th-February 5th. Students who attend mass on the weekend (Feb 5th/6th) and wear their school uniform will receive a N.U.T. (No Uniform Today) card.
- There was an inquiry about whether the school play would be held, especially in light of the fact that the Christmas Concert was canceled earlier this school year. Mr. Turk said the students have been working so hard to prepare for the play and the plan is to have them perform as scheduled. All were disappointed that the Christmas Concert could not be “live”, but given the COVID-19 numbers rising at the time of the concert, there was no way to safely hold that event.

Future Business

- Continue discussion of updates needed to SAC tab on the GA website.
- Consider new nominations for SAC committee when presented by Mr. Turk.
- Discuss having parents give testimonials - at mass or via another method - to promote GA school.
- Consider renewing “Angel Families” as mentors for new families when they enroll at GA.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Marjorie Bresson, SAC secretary