

School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2024, 7:45 AM
Location: Teacher's Lounge (2nd Floor, Near Music Room)

Members Present:

- Stephen Turk
- Erin Dawkins
- Chris Chervenak
- Lauren Bukowski
- Rhiannon LaForest
- Angela Morgan
- Christy Samona

- Meeting called to order at 7:47AM

- **Opening Prayer**

- **Principal Report**

- The school year is continuing to be going well. Mrs. Van Dusen continues to be a big help, especially with discipline.
- There are some issues with discipline amongst the older grades, and those are being addressed as necessary.
- GA will be gaining an 8th grade family soon.
- There are already requests for tours from new Kindergarten and 1st Grade families who are interested in enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year.
- GA will be painting all classrooms this summer and will work on window shade replacement in the classrooms.
- SAC will work with Mrs. Perry in the coming weeks to prepare for Open House held during Catholic Schools Week. Tours will be given to interested families.

- **Review of Parent Comments from October Meeting**

- Alternatives to Scholastic Book Club
 - Scholastic will remain, but another option will be added for families to purchase from. More information to follow.
- Significant Increase in Cost for School Sports – What is the reasoning for this?
 - An Athletics Board Meeting was held earlier in the month and this issue was discussed. The costs are mandated by CYO and are being driven up by rising referee costs.

- **Discussion of New Parent Concerns**

- Possibility of Adding Band, Orchestra, and/or Choir as an Optional Elective
 - This is an option that is currently being reviewed with assistance from Berkley Schools. If added, this would be an option for grades

fifth and up. There would need to be interest from at least 15 students and it would be held before or after school.

- Probably won't be able to accommodate a Choir.
- Teachings would begin at the Beginner Level.
- Need for Notification to School Community when Fire/Tornado/etc. Drills will Occur
 - In order to make drills effective, they need to be spontaneous, and therefore notification prior would not be recommended.
 - Will review a method of informing families after the drill has occurred.
- **Review of SAC Bi-Laws**
 - Due to time, Bi-Laws were not reviewed at this meeting.
 - Changes from the previous meeting continue to be incorporated into the document.
 - Will review at a future meeting.
- **Open Forum**
 - No open issues.
- **Next Meeting:**
 - Wednesday December 18, 2024 at 7:45 AM
- Meeting adjourned at 8:14 AM

Minutes respectfully Prepared by Lauren Bukowski, SAC Secretary