

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish School
School Advisory Commission Minutes
1/9/2024 - Virtual
6:15 pm

Attendees:

Father Will, Principal Tina Ellefson, Mark Roedl (Chair), Adam White (Vice Chair), Sarah Bindl (Secretary), Sara Beecher, John Bowser, Carolina Ganske, Marybeth Schessow, Melanie Budde, Kirsten Reader

Call to Order:

Mark Roedl called the meeting to order at 6:19 p.m.

Opening Prayer:

Opening prayer was led by Father Will.

Introduction of Guests:

Angela Zwald (Pastoral Council Chair), Vicki Hafenstein (Band Guild & Glitz), Alison Wells (Band Guild Treasurer), Janie Garcia, Laura Weinman (Band Guild)

Approval of Minutes:

December minutes were approved via e-mail.

Celebrations! Good News!

- Mark Roedl shared he attended a few recent basketball games, helped run the clock, enjoyed the concessions, noticed the games were well attended, and had fun!
- Father shared the Christmas program was really nice and many people stayed after to help clean up.

Guest Comments

- Alison shared she is in attendance to present on behalf of the Band Guild.

- Angela shared she is in attendance to learn more about the Band Guild proposal.

Pastor's Report - Father Will

- Father shared that he is in the early stages of searching for a Principal for the 2024-2025 school year. The committee met last night for the first time. Members of the committee include Melanie Budde, Barb Haase, Jack Hanks, Nicole White, John Bowser, and Jennifer Weiss.
- Father shared they are working through some paperwork setbacks in regards to the Sacramental priest at St. Joe's.

Principal's Report - Tina Ellefson

- I presented my annual school report to the Pastoral Council on Tuesday, January 2.
- Letters of intent will go out to the staff on Thursday, January 11 and they need to be returned to me by Friday, January 19.
- We are deep in the planning stages of Catholic Schools Week. Information will be going home to families on Thursday, January 18.
- Preschool and Kindergarten Round up is scheduled for Thursday, February 15. We will have an ad in the Catholic Herald the week of January 8 in their Open House issue.
- We have been asked by Wayland to participate in an upcoming event - Global Fair / Culture Convention - at Wayland. Students will be presenting information about their different cultures. We could use representatives from SKDS to be at the event on February 24th from 1-4.

Pastoral Council - Liaison update - John Bowser

- Saint Katharine Drexel Pastoral Council met on January 2nd
- Tina gave the annual school presentation
- The accreditation review was briefly discussed as was the Christmas program

Finance Council - Liaison update - John Bowser

- Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Finance Council met on December 19th
- Minimal discussion regarding school-specific items

- Discussion regarding Glitz brought up a reinforcement that donations made to a specific cause are bound to go to that cause

Stewardship Committee - Liaison update - Sara Beecher

2024 Stewardship Hosted Fellowship Events & Dates:

- **March 2/3: Ministry Fair.** After all Masses, in the narthex. St. Katharine Drexel feast day is on the 3rd, incorporating our special saint into the event
- **May 18: New Parishioners Welcome:** In Mission Hall. Special save the date Invitations will be sent to new members, all parishioners will be encouraged to attend. Time TBD
- **August 3 or 4: Volunteer Appreciation.** In Mission Hall and Garden, time TBD.
- **Oct 1st: Pet Blessing.** In Church parking lot, 5 PM
- **November 9/10: Stewardship Renewal Weekend.** After all Masses, in the narthex.

Unfinished Business

Band Guild Executive Committee Presentation

The Band Guild Executive Committee is submitting a proposal to transition the directors salary and classroom expenses to the Parish School budget beginning the 2024-2025 school year. Aligning the band director's salary with the other academic faculty salaries will convey to the Parish School community that we value the band program with the same lens as other academic classes. The goal is to get approval from SAC and then move the Band Director Salary proposal onto the finance council.

Melanie Budde made a motion to move forward with proposing this to the finance committee followed by Carolina Ganske. The motion was approved by SAC.

Fundraising - GLITZ

- There are 25 registrants for the event so far!
- No confirmed advertisements for the booklet (we are hopeful these will come in soon)

- A handful of auction items outside of the teacher baskets (we are also hopeful that these will pick up after information was sent home in the family folders and parish mailing)
- At this point, we need help spreading the word and encouraging people to attend the event.
- We also are in need of auction items. We have reached out to most of the donors from last year and are looking for new and unique items.
- We also need help with set-up of the event if anyone is available the morning of Feb 3rd.

Subcommittee Updates

Long Range Planning - Meeting on Thursday, January 11
Home & School - Meeting on ?

Closing Prayer:

Father Will led us in closing prayer.

Adjournment:

Sara Beecher made a motion to adjourn the meeting followed by Marybeth Schessow .

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