

St. Mary's School

Parent Advisory Board In Person Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 28, 2022

1. **Introduction:** Principal Nick Gale called meeting to order at 730pm.
2. **Attendees:** Nick Gale, Sarah Franchetto, Callie Sheppard, Megan Knodel, Paul Taylor, Ariana Lecorps, Trisha Guanzon, Tim Macdonald, Jennifer Pinnell, Natasha Taylor, Donna Mae Melle, Sharla Lindsay, Keira Bostock, Sash Campbell, Aimee Rose, Karen Blewett, Leanne Greenwood.
3. **Parent Council vs Parent Advisory:** Nick discussed how Parent Advisory was formed. There are no expectations for fundraising only advising, providing feedback and maintaining the bank account.
4. **Executive positions**
 - a. Chair
 - b. Vice Chair
 - c. Secretary: Megan Knodel
 - d. Treasurer: Sharla Lindsay
 - e. Parent Association Rep: Donna Mae Melle** A person to at least fill the Chair position is needed. Anyone who is interested in it can reach out to Nick.**
5. **Feedback Items**
 - a. Start of the school year
 - i. Staggered Start – 3rd year. Kids find their homerooms, get their textbooks, dry run through the schedule. It helps reduce anxiety in students, especially in grade 7. It is good to have a break day for younger kids in there to decompress and makes the grade 7 students feel special
6. **Spirit Week – Blue Day –** Is held the first week of school, the big day is Blue Day and it ends with a dance on Friday. Helps to build lots of community.
7. **Meet the Staff Open House –** Lower key this year. Thinking about having a bigger event in June to welcome incoming students. Got lots of positive feedback. A suggestion made to have maps and more signage.
8. **Capital purchase plan –** Want to have the same chairs for all students. They have increased in price. It was 75 chairs @ \$52 and now is \$70 approximately. 85 chairs will be ordered this year. Ovens in the Home Ec room from Mccoy will need to be purchased. Discussion on any purchases: Buying go pro equipment, continuous purchase of shop supplies and replacing the band room chairs.
9. **Options –** planning to send out an email in the summer with the available options and then make choices closer to the beginning of school. There has been many requests for schedule changes and some can be done but not all.
10. **Information Items**
 - a. Registration Update – Usually the school population is 360 – 365 but this year there is 409. 49 students are new in the district. 20 students have transferred from Notre Dame.

- b. Emergency Protocols – They were done 2 times in one day. The kids seemed to know how to respond in the situations and they understand why they have to do the drills.
- c. Period Promise – Will have media on site to give information. The school will be stocked with feminine hygiene products.
- d. Fitness Center – All TVs are up and everything is done
- e. Library Updates – The furniture is all in, a 75” TV will be installed in the pit area for presentations.
- f. Youth Faith Committee – Chapel will go in the room next to the library. The school resource officer will also be involved. Each school is asked to create a Youth Faith Committee and write a school prayer.
- g. Athletics
 - i. VBall – 6 teams
 - ii. Football – 32 Boys
 - iii. Musical - 40+ kids
 - iv. Art Club – Meets wed after school
 - v. Games club – Meets Mon after school
 - vi. Jazz Band – Starting up, meets Tuesday mornings at 745am
- h. New Tech – Each classroom now has a new smart board
- i. Football Games – Thursday evening. A cover charge will pay for the hire security guards. The school is suggesting that the parents join the students.

11. **Meeting Dates** - November 16, February 8, April 26, June 14

12. **Adjourn**