

## Advisory Council Meeting – November

Attendees: Ann Carnese, Alan Sanchez, David Jess, Janet Jacobs, Christy Ragan, Melissa Rawlinson, Shaunmarie Gutbezahl, Susie Holman, Msgr. Brennan, Amy Biggs, Marcus Parker, Kristine Bachand

Meeting was called to order. Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

It was announced that Nancy Bartow had resigned her appointment to the council citing over-commitment. It was determined that there was no need to appoint a replacement council member as an “extra” member (beyond the number required by bylaws) was already serving.

## Principals Report – Mrs. Biggs

### Survey Committee Report – Alan

A reminder to complete the survey will be included in the newsletter. 93 of 283 email addresses had responded – 155 families, which is a 60% response rate at this time.

Strengths – faith formation, technology, learning needs and student engagement

Improvement needed – playground and hot lunch

There was discussion about whether a neutral response is positive or negative. It was discussed that possibly that type of response needs to be more fine-tuned for next time, so that it can be determined as a positive or negative leaning neutral.

70% of respondents were willing to increase costs

Most are satisfied with conference content and format but many favor changing the timing

Next steps – meeting in December with a report for the January meeting. Principal and staff will use the information gained and results will be shared with the community. Action plans and committees will be formed from the council members and other members of the community.

Annie questioned the emergency preparedness of the school and Mrs. Biggs responded that it depends on the incident. The updating of emergency forms will be requested.

## Uniform Committee – Melissa

Information gathering process – meeting with middle schoolers was held on 10/28 and it was very successful. They gave great feedback. Meeting with faculty was held on 11/10 – lots of information was provided re: issues with younger kids/older kids; Mrs. Rae discussed the perspective of learning vs uniform neatness

Meetings with parents went well – many opinions were given.

#### Financial Aid Event – Marcus

Rename – Cathedral Scholarship Committee

Trying to “freshen” the event to encourage attendance/make more fun – maybe move to afterhours?

Timing – 4/15 – Friday night, launch in January, advertise more in parish

Much discussion regarding competition for funds between the Run4Cathedral, auction, wreath sale (PA fundraiser), financial aid – what can be done to raise money and make each successful?

Annie raised the possibility of putting art instruction on the tuition bill vs coming out of run to free up some funds

Paddle raise at the auction for financial aid? STM does that every 3<sup>rd</sup> year. The problem is that paddle raise is possibly more successful for a tangible item vs the intangible financial aid

Msgr. raised the issue of getting the parishioners to realize the need

Alan asked how monies are garnered for financial aid and Mrs. Biggs described all components: Archdiocese endowment, Field’s Estate monies, contributions, etc.

#### Auction Report – Christy

Wants to procure \$10,000.00 herself and is on the way to do it!

Advisory Council agreed to purchase 1 faculty tables – cost to include Msgr.

Procuring goes well when people are told what to get, and the paddle raise will be decided soon

#### PA – Janet

The PA would like to do something for the Hall Family following the death of their son. The various “caring” sites that were up for them were discussed.

Meeting adjourned.