School Advisory Council (SAC)

Wednesday January 18th, 2017
8th Grade Classroom
Start: 7:00 PM End: 8:35 PM

Minutes

Present

Lindsay Boch (Dir., of Marketing, Tribune Review)
Mrs. Harmon (Dir., Development, St. Josephs HS)
Jamie Bloch (PTK President)
Luis Fabregas
Chad Crawford
Dr. Lucas Godinez
Daniel Szalla
Jennifer Marino (PTK Representative)
J.P. Marino
Todd Conocchia
Jessica Rock (Teacher Representative)
Sean Davis (Principal)
Debora Malvone
LeeAnn Venturini

Not Present

James Bloch Fr. John Lendvai (Pastor) Deacon Patrick Wood (Business Manager)

- Opening Prayer
- Review of Minutes from November 30th, 2016, approved by Jennifer Marino, seconded by Jessica Rock
- Review of Parent Requests/Concerns
  - Limited gym time for V and JV basketball due to the time required to setup the gym – instead coaches have V/JV practice together then split to work on different plays,
  - LeeAnn Venturini spoke about the athletic policy regarding grades and keeping Option C up-to-date. Jessica would communicate to the Middle School teachers including the special teachers a reminder to keep Option C up to date. Parents need reminded to check on their student's progress.
- St. Joseph High School representative
  - Mrs. Harmon, participated in the meeting to talk about various programs for mental health, marketing, enrollment and preparing students for college. The office handles student issues with anxiety and depression, college counseling, or just recognizing some students need extra for testing. Mrs. Harmon also talks to students about study skills, especially important for 7th and 8th grade students, and recognizes students all learn differently
  - She stated the senior high sees the same issues as OLMBS regarding updated and posted grades and athletics
  - Career development is carried out through Mrs. Harmons office for students 5th to 8th grade. Development includes things like, career inventories on a monthly basis. This led to a discussion to put together a career day. College admission counselors will be invited to discuss college programs.
  - Another SAC member ask where St. Joseph's pull students from. OLMBS has seen a decrease in enrollment while St. Joseph's has maintained around 200. Mrs. Harmon explained there are more grade schools through 8th grade while the number of private high schools is limited in our area- She also said they take time to meet with anyone interested even in the summer. The school sends mailings and is able to bus from more locations compared to Blessed Sacrament
    - Mrs. Harmon said the placement tests used for 8th graders is to find out what their strengths and weaknesses are and determine where a student may need extra help

        - Deb thinks it's crucial the St. Joe's students are more involved with Blessed Sacrament students. She suggested the high school students practice sports activities with grade schoolers, or ask St. Joes students who do something well or get special recognition an announcement should be made at Blessed Sacrament, "maybe the OLMBS students will know, hey that student went to OLMBSS"
        - Mrs. Harmon commented other schools have graduating students walk through the grade school in caps and gowns
        - Lucas ended the discussion with Christy and asked SAC members to continue these discussions, learn the strengths and weaknesses between schools
- Sub-Committee reports
    - Budget, Finance, Development, Fundraising, EITC/OSTC
        - Unable to meet prior to this evenings SAC meeting
    - Spirituality and Ministry, Admissions and Marketing
        - Catholic Schools week, is a good week to start the push to market OLMBS. Lindsay discussed opportunities for news coverage and Jennifer suggested kids helping kids for a story
        - Also discussed advertising school tuition with mixed opinions, one suggestion was to advertise a daily rate – an amount parents can see fitting into their budgets
        - Lindsay asked Sean what other schools do to advertise – billboards, letters highlighting student accomplishments, where students are going to college, awards. Jamie suggested advertising baptisms to congratulate families
        - Jennifer said we should do an Open House and Chad shared his daughter's pre-school program Open House. Lucas asked Jennifer to put something together for next week to start planning advertising
    - Facilities, Property, and Planning
        - Sean said OLMBS received a significant furniture donation, 40 tables, new desks for school administrators, trendy chairs in the conference rooms, privacy screens for the students with more on the way
    - Athletics
        - YTD concessions and admissions is $2,500
        - working on scheduling 8th grade recognition night, a hoagie fund raiser in the spring and spring soccer, Chad already has a coach lined up
        - One of the JV girls parent approached Chad and asked if the athletics program received a big donation because they noticed the new uniforms and equipment, he explained everything was earned through concessions and admissions
        - Volunteers are down for Athletics, Lindsay suggested asking the older students to help with the athletics admissions and concessions with adult supervision
    - Curriculum and Technology
        - nothing new
- PTK Report
    - Cash Bash coming up Saturday, January 28
    - Please return any unsold tickets, also need snack donations
- Discussions/Suggestions
    - Increasing Enrollment at OLMBS
- Next Meeting – **Wednesday February 15th, 2017**

- Closing Prayer