

School Council Minutes for September 13, 2018

I. In attendance: Father Craig, Mike Riley, Francie Bradley, Joe Nolke, Sean Molen, Gina Robinson, Laura Vanice, Shawn Creger, Lisa Stuart

II. Absent: n/a

III. Opening Prayer: Father Craig, Mission Prayer 2018

IV. Pastor's Report (Father Craig)

* Parish Mission begins on Sunday, September 23 at 7:00 pm in the church, and continues on Monday and Tuesday at 7:00 as well.

* Christ Renews His Parish is a retreat being offered at St Ann's this year, and Father encourages all parishioners, especially council members, to attend the retreat.

* There is a question regarding the location of the 8th grade graduation ceremony, and we will need to revisit this topic before the spring to decide if it will be held in the gym or in the church.

* Father reached out to the Archdiocese regarding helping with aid for hurricane relief.

* Father stated actions that have been taken in regards to the current crisis/negative press in the church lately. In August, he read the Archbishop's statement at all masses, he addressed the situation at back to school night, and is open to suggestions. Discussion followed on ways to be transparent with communication and be proactive.

* RCIA enrollment is down, number of baptisms are up.

V. Principal's Report (Mike Riley)

* Results from the summer survey will be shared next more. A common theme- people are looking for joy, inspiration, passion. We have good academics, faith filled teachers, and community.

* The theme for this school year is "**Let everything you do be done in love.**"

* Mike shared that there is a lot of excitement around the school building this year, especially in regards to the new STEAM space.

* We currently have a teacher for 5th-8th grade Spanish who is World Language Certified and are currently in the process of looking for a teacher for K-4th who holds that same certification. K-4 have the option to do an after school Spanish Club at no cost, and there was a lot of interest in that after school activity.

* Go Math replaces Engage NY as the math curriculum in some grades and we are starting another year of Super Kids reading curriculum in the lower grades.

* Map testing for the fall is complete.

* Distributed rosaries that the teachers who journeyed to the Holy Land brought back and said that they have been implementing some of what they experienced into their teaching.

VI. Review of Mission Statement and Strategic Plan

* Mike read the mission statement. *“St Ann Catholic School passionately provides a Christ-inspired education where Catholic teachings and academic excellence prepare the whole child for a life of joyful discipleship.”* We will revisit the mission statement every meeting.

* The four pillars of the strategic plan are : *Faith and Discipleship, Academics, Community and Sustainability*. It was suggested that we look at the individual pillars and make sure that we have someone or a group of people devoted to these and held accountable for progress monitoring of this plan.

* It was decided that we would spend time this month looking at the bullet points, brainstorming ideas and reconvene next month to discuss the pillars at greater length and make a schedule to focus on them individually over the year.

VII. Closing Prayer: Father Craig

Next meeting is Thursday, October 4, 2018.