

# St. Monica Local Advisory Committee Minutes

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**September 7, 2017 5:00PM**

## **In attendance**

Lin Buck  
Suzanne Clyne  
Fr. Farrell  
Kevin Kavanaugh  
Steve McNeill  
Kate Redinger  
Becky Reits  
Michael Willis

## **Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order by Kate Redinger at 5:10PM

## **Prayer**

**Fr. Farrell**

## **Approval of Agenda**

**Kevin Kavanaugh**

## **Approval of Minutes**

**Kevin Kavanaugh**

## **Welcome of New Members**

- Welcome to our newest member, Michael Willis, who has 5 children enrolled this year here at St. Monica.

## **Principal's Report**

**Becky Reits**

- Theme of this year for the teachers will be Evangelizing. They have gone on retreat and will be focusing on their own personal faith formation, as "You cannot give what you don't have." Please continue to pray for all of our teachers and staff this year.
- We have achieved funding for the Mission 12 space program. The students will be creating research experiments designed for a microgravity environment.
- STEM cart has been donated for use for all grades.
- Enrollment has now reached 300 for the 2017-2018 school year.

## **Advisory Committee Discussion**

### ***New Member LAC Training***

- Sue discussed the benefits of the New Member LAC Training and thanked Becky for everything she does to keep the school running and meet accreditation standards. There is a tremendous amount of administrative work.
- Steve discussed some of the important takeaways of this training
- We should more formally define the various parent committees in the school and have them roll up to the LAC level. This will include more involvement of LAC members reaching out and attending these meetings, such as Boosters, Parent Ambassadors, etc.

### ***LAC Goals 2017-2018***

- We discussed whether some of the regulatory work could be delegated to a staff member or centralized by the office of schools to off-load these time consuming tasks for Becky.
- Becky will bring a list of goals for the LAC to the next meeting.
- We would like to develop a parent survey using RenWeb to try to capture parent volunteer interest and then direct messages from the LAC recruiting parent volunteers for the various activities, events and needs around the school.

### ***Staff Attrition***

- Kevin was concerned that there may have been a common reason for the staff turnover this summer, mostly involving the specials teachers
- Becky pointed out that our specials teachers are shared with other schools and come from Portage School District. This is an unfortunate reality of the ways the specials teachers employment is structured and prone to high turnover as this is a part time position at multiple schools and these teachers usually then are promoted to a full time position in the district.

### ***Openings on the CSGK Board***

- There are openings on the CSGK Board, and Ryan Basler will be attending this instead of our LAC. We will also have representation from Sue Clyne and Mike Ogrin. Please consider nominating other interested individuals for this position.

## **Financial Report**

## **Kevin Kavanaugh**

- CSGK will begin a routine financial audit process for the school system which will also include local committees such as Boosters. Fr. Farrell stated that this is an attempt to begin to standardize this process.

## **Committee Reports**

- None

## **Next Meeting**

- Going forward we will be meeting at 5:30. Next Meeting will be Thursday, October 12th due to Fall Break / Parent Teacher conferences on October 5th.

## **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm