

Advisory Council Meeting  
November 20, 2018 7:00pm

Present Voting Members: Jen Raiche, Amy Rodriguez, Mike Hoy, Carrie Hoy, Angela Fornetti

Not Present Voting Members: Dianne Gauthier, Maria Erickson

Non Voting Present: Angela Oller, Wendy Decker-McMillan, Amanda Gardner, Stephanie Covitz, Celine Gayan, Tom Erickson, Sheila Caswell, Jeanette Asam, Marci Ellis, Doug Sage arrived 7:18pm

Non Voting Not Present: Fr. Joe Gouin, Msgr. Kaczmarek, Fr. Janusz Romanek, Fr. Mike Woempner

Opening:

- ❖ Prayer (Jen Raiche): 7:00pm, Our Father
- ❖ Roll Call, approval of minutes (Jen Raiche): Motion by Carrie Hoy, Second by Mike Hoy, unanimous approval
- ❖ Public Comment: N/A

Reports (Topics for Reporting Only):

- ❖ Chairperson's Report (Jen Raiche): Prepping for Advent Prayer Exchange, took photos for Dessert Feast
- ❖ Administrator's Report (Angela Oller):
  - Finished IOWA testing, purchased tests for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades, purchased scoring for testing (>\$500, good for 5-6 years and includes parent scorecard)
  - Purchased cognitive abilities testing for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Accelerated Reader update: Increased and improved reading noted, teachers using point clubs to track, students receive small prizes/candy of their choosing from office
  - "School Library" in classrooms, improve the classroom library by looking for grant money for lower elementary library books
  - Christmas Program has been moved to the IMHS Auditorium due to better viewing
- ❖ Committee Reports:
  - Finance - (Angela Oller): Utilizing different style of balance sheets, in progress to break down the checking account. Intent is so that it simplifies the report to know where money comes from and where money goes. Principal Oller must be able to make informed decisions re: finances. Hired a consultant Kaye at Diocesan for PDS finances. 1<sup>st</sup>

Finance committee meeting on 11/29/18: members include Bernie Menghini, Lisa Bosley, Mary Fox, Doug Sage, Angela Oller, Fr. Mike Woempner

- Marketing/Development – (Jen Raiche): Reviewed Marketing report handout, orders for Yankee Candle fundraiser collected and submitted, beginning Keweenaw Coffee fundraiser. A new Fundraising committee was formed, approximately 8-10 on committee, 1<sup>st</sup> meeting next week. The goal is to improve marketing for BBCS.
- Catholic Identity – (Celine Gayan): Reviewed Agenda, need more drivers for shopping for the needy, Advent penance service in December coordinate with priests, discussed beginnings of Catholic School Week 2019. Intend to build up the Catholic Identity Committee, would like additional 3-4 members to spread the work around. Upcoming dates of interest: December 6<sup>th</sup> - St. Nicholas Play, December 12<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Guadalupe Play.
- Building & Grounds Update – (Wendy Decker-McMillan): Reviewed bulleted update with group
- Strategic Planning – placed on hold

Decision/Discussion Items (Topics for Discussion) (Angela Oller):

❖ Dress Code Updates (Angela Oller):

- Currently too much flexibility in the dress code
- Minimal changes for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Boys: less colors, polo or oxford, navy pants
- Girls: through 6<sup>th</sup> grade initially, 1 uniform jumper or 1 skirt in Lands' End blue plaid, leggings, polo or oxford
- Shoes at the discretion of parents
- Comfortable clothing options but consistent in nature; will help make us “Look like Bishop Baraga Catholic School”
- Improving the dress code can assist with emotional growth of students

❖ Dress Code Discussion (group):

- Should be stricter of dress code for upper grades
- Can girls wear pants? Can navy pants be an option for girls?
- Would like more skirt options for younger grades (or flexible on jumper length)
- One parent accustomed to very strict uniform style
- Start skirts in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- Plaid jumpers, solid colors show a lot of stains

- Discussed Escanaba's Holy Name Catholic School, way too many options
- Keep it simple with dress code
- One parent supports school uniforms. Has helped start up other schools with uniforms: increased enrollment, appearance in community of respect/neatness
- Bishop Baraga "blue" suggested as attire on Friday's but not mandated
- Enforcement struggles of current dress code violations
- Make dress code changes over a 2-year implementation plan
- Avoid formal uniforms
- Find a way to sell the dress code to current and new families with validity
- One parent brought her family to BBCS for Catholic teachings and morals, dress code wasn't a "draw"
- ❖ Fundraising Committee Discussion:
  - 6-8-person committee with approx. 10 additional volunteers
  - Best days to meet at lunch: Tuesday or Wednesday
  - Fundraiser at Maxsell's in Florence, \$45/plate, Friday or Saturday in February, raffles, silent auction
- ❖ Safety Grant – Update:
  - Grant approved: Carey Contractors to do the work
  - Extra set of locked double glass doors/wall through main entrance of school (Timing TBD...takes 6 weeks for doors/wall to arrive)
  - Cut out window opening/glass sliding panes in office wall, accessible from entrance area (Christmas break)
  - Ballistic film TBD, will write another grant for this
- ❖ Diocesan School Council:
  - Mark Salisbury wants a representative from each of the 9 Catholic schools to be on this council
  - Meetings approx. 4 x year
  - Jeanette Asam volunteered
- ❖ Topics for Next Agenda: N/A
- ❖ Next Meetings:
  - Advisory Council Meeting: January 15, 2019
  - Executive Committee Meeting: January 8, 2019
- ❖ Closing:
  - Public Comments:

- ◆ Angela Fornetti commented that the atmosphere in and around the school is pleasant, like a “breath of fresh air”, very communal
- ◆ Doug Sage suggested having some sort of special fleece jacket created for those students that have attended BBCS for 5 years

❖ Prayer: Glory Be

❖ Adjourned: 8:04pm