

Meeting Minutes March 21 School Advisory Council

Attendees:

Mark Viet, Gayle Trachsel, Fr. Jeremy Secrist, Cristhia Castro, Kevin Stegeman, Melissa Skinner

Opening prayer led by Fr. Secrist

Meeting Minutes Review - not provided, no approval of past minutes

Reports:

Principals' Report:

Teacher contracts are out and due by April 30, 2023.

There is still approximately \$150,000 in funds remaining under the EANS program. The deadline to submit for additional funds is in August.

The school kitchen received its "Food Establishment Inspection Report" by the City. No violations were observed. It was noted that the warm water faucet in the restroom adjacent to the kitchen took substantial time to heat. This will be reviewed by St. Peter staff before the next inspection.

It was announced that Mrs. Wekenborg will receive a national award for "Lead, Learn, and Proclaim". She is the only teacher in the diocese to receive this award this year.

Fundraising projects were discussed. Mrs. Betsy Lock had previously recommended that if St. Peter School was going to reduce the number of fundraisers, she suggested the Spring Gifts/Cookie Dough as it generated the least amount of profit. The committee agreed that profit from fundraising endeavors, subject to the 10% tithe, would be split 5% from the family share and 5% from the school share. The committee also discussed reducing non-electronic script fundraising from the mix due to liability associated with large sums of cash on hand. The council decided to table a vote until they received additional information from Mrs. Lock on what percent of script income comes from electronic vs. non-electronic script, and Mrs. Trachsel was going to check with I.C. School to see if they were purchasing an insurance policy to cover financial liability associated with their script program.

Pastor Report:

Fr. Secrist presented three architectural design concepts to expand the school. FACET Architectural Design provided the concepts which outlined different options for additional classroom space. The next step is for FACET and a building evaluation firm to review the structural integrity of the existing building to determine if an addition is possible. Questions were asked if the school budget could afford an addition and if the parishes would be responsible for covering additional costs associated with a school expansion. Estimated costs and budget for the project are unknown at this time.

New Business:

Melissa Skinner asked why non-catholic families paid \$4,350 in tuition per student (plus fees) when the cost to educate a student at St. Peter is \$6,035 (plus fees). Both parishes (St. Peter and St. Andrew) subsidize the cost of education per student at \$6,035. Mrs. Trachsel stated that the school tries to keep tuition competitive with the other schools in the Jefferson City area. An

increase to non-Catholic tuition may price St. Peter out of the market and fixed costs would remain the same.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20 at 5pm

Fr. Secrist led the group in a closing prayer.

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