**Holy Trinity School Advisory Committee**

**Minutes of the Holy Trinity School Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Date:** November 3rd, 2022 (Common Leadership at Holy Trinity)

Members Present: Amanda Longden (Principal), Sara Weninger, Elise Zupan, Luke Piwoni, Julie Korth, Maggie Lijewski

Members Excused: Jackie Dahm and Amanda Carter

**Consent Agenda –**

1. Opening Prayer – Luke called the meeting to order at 6:20pm.
2. Visitor Comments – none
3. Approval of October minutes
   * Motion to approve minutes. Approved by Sara & Elise. Motion carried.
4. Principal’s Report
   * Catholic schools walk was a success and the kids enjoyed it. Next year we will look at a whole school event vs classes. So far $7,207.50 has been raised so far and the archdiocese does proportional match. The money raised will go towards specialized field trips (state capitol, discovery world, etc).
   * Pep rally for the volleyball was a success and the kids loved it. Girls are advancing to Friday’s match.
   * Advent committee will start planning in a few weeks.
   * Tuition grant – creating a scholarship fund
   * Working on Christmas concert, looking at a start time of 5:30
5. Pastoral Council Liaison Report – Janet Lauenstein, Rhiannon Olson
   * No news to report, haven’t had a meeting since last. They have a meeting this evening.
6. Advancement Committee Report (Luke Piwoni read email that Angie Kern sent as she couldn’t attend meeting)
   * Very pleased with the dynamic in the Holy Trinity Family Facebook group.  I think it is definitely serving its purpose to connect the school community.  The school has been more active in posting pictures, thank you! I've been aiming to post in the public FB page once per week.  If you have feedback regarding our Facebook strategy, shoot me a message, I'd love to hear it. Will be getting started again with actively sending press releases to the statesman to get PR in the community. The next big push for marketing is Catholic School's Week. I will make sure we have a plan to promote the chili luncheon, open house and other events that week within our parishes and community.
7. Home and School Report (Sara Weninger provided report from Dani)
   * Wreath and Poinsettia pick up – November 22nd
8. Old Business
   * Dress code – Mrs. Longden read a few of the teacher comments, all feedback was positive and the teachers are liking the dress code days.
     1. Teachers do not need to follow the dress code (they already dress professionally) – there should be a division between students and teachers
9. New Business
   * Approval of positions for 2022-2023 school year
     1. Secretary – Sara Weninger (unanimously voted in)
   * Father Strand spoke at the beginning of the meeting on how we can encourage families to volunteer and attend mass. Home and School is struggling to get volunteers. Ideas discussed:
     1. Parish party – encourage parents to go (bridge gap with school families not connect to parish)
     2. Request help for social fest earlier starting in April or May
     3. Publicize volunteer opportunities
        1. Add to bulletin or home folder
        2. Have sign up sheets after mass and have Father make an announcement
        3. Open house/Conferences have sign-up sheets
        4. Beef up the volunteering piece on the website
        5. Have volunteer hours by class, if families volunteer, classes earn special incentives
        6. Volunteer hours cannot be used as a deduction on tuition (against archdiocese policy)
        7. Get people to start out volunteering by helping out home and school first
        8. Inspire families to be a bigger part of the community to volunteer
        9. School advisory will continue to brainstorm ideas to encourage families to volunteer
   * Survey
     1. 50 out of 80 families responded
        1. Send out the answer to the popular questions so rest of the families know
   * Miscellaneous
     1. Flash sale at catholic schools week on more polos, more colors and long sleeves?
     2. More conversations in Jan/Feb 2023 to have an open forum discussion and encourage people to come
     3. Students could write letters to come to mass, maybe do something for the holidays
     4. For Friday mass – if kids have parts in the mass let the families know so they can attend
     5. School year kick off mass families – 11:00 mass then luncheon after
     6. 12/1 next meeting at 5:00 in the school cafeteria
10. Closing prayer

* Luke Piwoni closed the meeting at 7:09pm.