

SFO Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 16, 2022
2:00-2:45 p.m.
Fireside Room

Fr. Mason opened with prayer

Principal Manning explained the purpose of the SFO and the changes

Principal Report-

- Principal Manning gave an enrollment report-402 students attending Holy Spirit this year, this is the largest enrollment during Mr. Manning's tenure. We have 112 PS students, we have been serving about 90 PS students.
- Principal Manning gave a run down of some of the facility updates including: GPS synced clocks were installed in all classrooms, new sound system has been installed in the gymnasium, the computer lab has been converted into an additional PS Plus space (Mr. Nagel is going into the classrooms for technology instruction similar to how we operated classes during the pandemic)
- Principal Manning explained the new virtue program "Education in Virtue" that is being implemented in our schools beginning this year and showed an introductory video about the program.
- Principal Manning explained that our 1st and 2nd grades are moving to a standards based report card similar to what our PS and Kindergarten classes have been using.
- Principal Manning shared that Holy Spirit is using a new Science Curriculum this year. 3rd-5th graders are using FOSS science which is more of a hands on science approach. K-2 are using Generation Genius which is also more of a hands on program.
- Principal Manning shared that the school will be placing more emphasis on attendance similar to what was being done prior to the pandemic. Attendance and Tardy letters will be sent to families with multiple absences/tardies.

Financial Report

- Principal Manning outlined the annual budget with the group.
- Treasurer Report: As of 9/15/22 there is \$21,334.28 in the SFO checking account.

Fr. Mason introduced himself and gave some background information about himself and the roles that he has served in previously..

Mrs. Anderson (our school counselor) shared information about her role and explained what type of services she can assist students with.

Informal Discussion took place regarding our fundraiser-The Halloween Carnival, which is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 29th-Conversation took place about assigning different grade levels to be in charge of different parts of the carnival. Mr. Manning is looking for a couple point people to coordinate the event. Interested parents are encouraged to reach out to Mr. Manning or Mary Lou.

Mr. Manning shared the news with the group that Holy Spirit was named a 2022 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. 297 schools across the country received this distinction this year, including 24 private schools and four schools from South Dakota.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

Wed., Oct. 19th-Teacher meal and snacks during PT Conferences

Sat., Oct. 29th-Halloween Carnival