

Sacred Heart Catholic School - School Advisory Board

Date | time 2021 October 14 | *Meeting called to order by* Al Chromy, Principal

In Attendance

Al Chromy, Principal
Johnny Enos, Board Member
Maria Lemus, Board Member
Elizabeth Williamson, Board Member
Regina Urquhart, HSA President
Becca Camarota, HSA Room Parent Lead
Jennifer Alamo
JaMelle Hill
Tiffany Hollingsworth
Nelson Villatoro
Seanel Villatoro

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Mr. Chromy opened the meeting with the verse Isaiah 40:31 and the song Made to Fly by Colten Dixon.

Board

The principal, the Board, and guests were introduced. Elizabeth Williamson was nominated as the new President. A motion to elect Elizabeth was made by Mr. Chromy and seconded by Maria Lemus. All present voted in favor, and Elizabeth Williamson was confirmed the new President. A Secretary will be selected at the November Meeting.

Advisory Committee

Mr. Chromy shared documents highlighting what a School Advisory Board is and the expectations of the Diocese of Savannah. At this time, there are a number of seats open on the Advisory Committee. These openings were listed in the most recent newsletter.

Budget

The budget was not discussed or distributed.

Principal's Report

Principal Al Chromy led the meeting. Schoolwide MAP Testing was discussed. Mr. Chromy invited anyone to discuss school academic progress. Math scores were above the “diamond” goal. Reading scores need improvement; teachers have plans in place to improve these scores. Mr. Chromy stated that our scores are some of the best in the diocese. Mr. Chromy briefly discussed that all students are accounted for in the scores which highlights the success of our inclusivity. He reminded parents that our teachers perform at 90% education and 10% redirection.

New Business

- **Playground Project – Regina Urquhart, HSA President**

The preschool dome was removed by Mrs. Urquhart and Mrs. Camarota. Mrs. Urquhart discussed being an outdoor play enthusiast and her desire for her children to have access to safe, quality outdoor equipment in a world of overwhelming technology. She stated that she believed children were losing social and developmental skills. She believes her initiative to promote a new and improved outdoor play area would provide the students with the tools they needed to play safely, outdoors.

She contacted a company from paperwork Mr. Chromy possessed. Someone from Florida immediately arrived to provide an estimate. Mrs. Urquhart stated that they have many certifications. She and Mrs. Camarota also consulted a landscaper on their project ideas. They stated that the current playground does not meet any safety standards according to the playground consultant. In particular, our current swing set is in questionable condition. Mrs. Williamson asked about consulting the project land architect vs a landscaper about the specific concerns about drainage and replacing/repairing areas annually. Mrs. Camarota discussed French drain system issues and why landscaping boulders cannot be utilized near the play area.

Mrs. Urquhart shared that she has purchased a playhouse and stepping stones for the preschool students to replace the dome. She also proposed ideas about saving costs on her project like enlisting parents to install borders and mulch. She discussed how the play area remains unlocked and is accessible to the community. Others would benefit from the success of the playground project. Mrs. Alamo recommended including others in the project like Cub Scouts. She recommended reaching out to the Delcourts.

Mr. Chromy asked Mrs. Urquhart to have a project timeline and financial expectations completed within one month. Mr. Chromy let the Board and guests know that the project needed to be voted on, approved by Father Stephen, and approved by the Diocese.

- **Safety – Elizabeth Williamson**

Mrs. Williamson discussed having Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency out to the school over the summer for an initial evaluation of all aspects of safety. Some items of interest include securing a radio system, AEDs, and trauma kits; updating emergency plans; staff education and training; and community education and training. She passed out printouts for an AED system she is interested in the school purchasing for campus. She discussed her contacts and who she'd be working with to create plans to improve the school's safety. This includes GEMA and local law enforcement. Mrs. Williamson stated that Mr. Chromy has a Questionnaire Assessment to complete to help the Committee move forward.

- **Facilities – Mr. Chromy, Principal**

Basketball Court/Gym floor: Mr. Chromy stated that our gym floor is original to the building. It is in disrepair. It needs replacement. He believes we need approximately \$100k for a new floor. Summer Camp raised \$33k towards a new floor. The annual Chick-fil-a raffle proceeds will go towards the gym floor replacement. 2022 Summer Camp's proceeds will also go towards the expense.

Soccer Field/Pavilion: Mr. Chromy stated that there was a \$75k donation collected. He shared that a parent was donating a fence and installing it. He described the tentative remaining phases of the project including, the walking track, fences, bathrooms, snack bar, storage, pavilion and road access. Ms. Hill recommended selling bricks as a fundraiser. This idea was well received and had multiple applications.

PAC – Preschool Classroom: Mr. Chromy mentioned this project.

PAC – Tech Lab/Maker Space: Mr. Chromy mentioned this project.

- Marketing and Public Relations – Chrissy Miner

Mrs. Miner was introduced as a parent and the owner of the Miner Agency that is now representing Sacred Heart Catholic School for Marketing and Public Relations. Mrs. Miner shared that her business is now handling the school's marketing as our office staff transitions. Her group is managing our school's newsletter and social media presence. She shared that our website is transitioning to Word Press. Mrs. Miner stated that we will have a photographer for events now. Mrs. Miner has recommended to Mr. Chromy to engage in more public events outside of the school in order to increase his visibility, improve enrollment, and help our fundraising.

Next Meeting

2021 November 11, 6:00PM Sacred Heart Catholic School – Art Room

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:11 p.m. and was passed unanimously.