

## **St. Helen Board Meeting Notes**

4-14-21

Present: *Principal Vance, Fr. Ed, Suzanne Belinson, Jordan Kerger, Tom Dwyer, Chris Albu, Tim Bopp, Tim Liston, Maria Ippolito, Chris O'Neil, Patrick Skertich, Staci Slattery*

### **Pastor's Report:**

Renew My Church

Claudio Diaz has been named the new Pastor – coming from St. Aloysius

Fr. Ed will be Associate Pastor- school and family related issues

Fr. Ed will be the rector at St. Stephen of Hungary- and will live there

Holy Rosary, St. Mark and St. Helen

Whole new staff at rectory at St. Helen

No changes in school staff

**Even if the Parish gets a new name as a result of RMC, St Helen School will not be renamed**

### **Board President Report:**

Trivia Night- May 22-

Need donations for silent auction

Goal to raise 30k

Working to engage with alumni in meaningful ways

- Older vs younger and segmenting
- Maria S and Suzanne working with BSF to clean up alumni lists etc and then can plan
- Engage alumni who went through high school and college application process

Strong desire to hold carnival- need to form a committee to execute

Golf Outing- hopeful that we can pull it off

### **Parents Club**

20-30 parents logging in

Parents Club meets every month

Parent appreciation efforts ongoing and very appreciated by teachers

### **Budget Report**

Budgeting 350 students

311 currently enrolled

Gap in fundraising- hopeful that future events can fill it

Teachers salaries are constant, but opportunities for teachers and aides to find extra income have been limited due to lack of clubs, smaller aftercare numbers and no summer care

No outstanding Arch bills

### **Marketing/Enrollment**

311 enrolled for 2021-22

49 total new- including siblings; 32 brand new to St. Helen

neighboring parish outreach- opportunity going forward

day care outreach- a possibility moving forward

prospects- interaction with current parents? Opportunity  
families who are not returning- exit interviews- results shared in future

### **Staci BOSH Update**

Craig Castelli voted in as treasurer  
meeting as board in May

### **Dad's Club**

Golf Outing- run by Jamie Clough  
19<sup>th</sup> hole at St. Helen- date TBD- June Friday- move to start time earlier- take whole day not half day off  
Successful NCAA tournament bracket  
"Meat" and greet- move to September?  
Dad's club hook up with revolution

### **Marketing Report**

Patrick and team to reconvene  
Facebook posts to celebrate 8<sup>th</sup> graders

### **Principal Report**

318 enrolled  
Tech consultant-  
Sonic View Board- don't need a projector- super high tech  
18 boards purchased and professional development- marketing opportunity?  
20 macbook pros for the teachers  
Need 10 more - \$879 each- \$9k needed to make it happen  
Tech is a big focus  
1<sup>st</sup> grade could use set of ipads as well  
Then look to K  
Art teacher being hired for next year  
Hiring an asst principal  
Teacher survey was done with the help of Big Shoulders  
Curriculum maps- Megan Stanton Anderson- principal at DePaul College Prep- going to help finish them-  
Budget to purchase a **reading curriculum** for lower grades- Reading, Writing Grammar Phonics and great digital component- start w K and 1 and then add a grade as we go  
Early Childhood Reading nights continuing