

St. Joseph Parish School Advisory Committee

Conference Room A

October 4th, 2021

6:30 pm

Mission Statement:

St. Joseph Parish School: Teaching, Learning, Leading, and Serving as the Hands of Christ

Meeting Minutes

- Opening Prayer – *Amanda*
- Prior Meeting Minutes - *Jenny*
- Today's Business:
 - Discernment of new members
 - Getting ready for Accreditation visit
 - Principal Matthews is meeting with co-chairs to coordinate a team to visit SJPS, this includes developing a schedule for the visit. Representation from the school committee is required for the accreditation process; 15 to 20 minute interview process. Visit is scheduled for 10/20 and 10/21. The accreditation results may take several months.
 - Staffing shortages
 - Still in the search process for a full-time K-4 teacher aide or 2 consistent part-time aides. Not an isolated issue, many school districts are feeling the staffing shortages. Continuing to post positions to local colleges, during mass and Facebook.
 - EANS Funds and CCF Grant
 - Government assistance for COVID relief funds. Principal Matthews submitted a \$49k claim for new clever touch smart boards. In the process of ordering, we are hopeful they will be in place in January.
 - CCF Grant is 15k for scholarship funds, still in the process for approval. We also have 12k in scholarship funds from last year. It is also referred to as the "Angel Fund".
 - Soles Walk
 - All are welcome. Walk will be from school to Centennial Park, route still to be determined. Financial benefits to enhance our playground. Stencils (hopscotch & four square) researched for quotes, range is \$100 - \$500. Cost varies on stencil grade. This does not include priming the surface, paints and sealing. Coordination of this project will be dependent on when the lot is being resurfaced.

- New bylaws discussion
 - New bylaws must be adopted by 2023. Committee spent time reviewing the new bylaws and discussing next steps for identifying differences. Committee to review and continue discussion for the next meeting.
- Open Discussion
- Review Current Meeting Minutes
- Determine Parish Council Updates
- Upcoming Events:
 - *No School – October 7th, 8th, & 11th*
 - *Soles Walk – October 15th*
 - *Family Fun Night – October 29th*
 - *Next Meeting – November 1st*

Ground Rules: 1) Remain focused on our mission, 2) Respect the speaker and all ideas, 3) Assume positive intent, 4) Maintain confidentiality, 5) Promote transparency, 6) Be productive and stay on time