

OLW SAB Open Meeting Commenced: 7:30 PM **Attending:** Christine Banzol (Chair); Tiffany Maloney (Vice Chair); Sal Sammartino; Brad Morrison, Nadia Iosco (Co-Secretary), Andrea McDonnell (Co-Secretary), Danielle Kenney (Development Director), David Wood (Principal), Father Arthur

Apologies: Matt Edwards, Sam Carlson, Ewelina Sokolowski, Erica Kolin

Opening Prayer: Brad Morrison

Approval of Minutes: Oct minutes approved

FSA Update: (Deanne McKenna) Trivia Night successful, parish tables in addition to school tables + Black Friday raffle; Now focus on Christmas faculty donations; Getting ready for CSW (signup parties, class projects); Sponsor banners are in the gym, additional requests have come in, currently close to raising 50K; Netted 14K for Bingo Bags and Bubbles, positive feedback and suggestions for next year; YTD fundraising efforts requested before Christmas

Financial Report: (given by Sal Sammartino) Empower disbursements higher than past; FSA check received first quarter; Payroll higher due to staff merit increases; Fringes higher than past years; Inflation affecting costs; Credit for heating and fuel; Capital projects (landscaping company change, school signs developed / installed soon, parking lot repairs approved / scheduled for spring, HVAC units need replacing, masonry work completed soon, church front doors will be updated, rectory kitchen renovation (first in 60 years) completed soon, school bathroom improvement project out to bid

Pastor's Report: (Father Arthur) 70th anniversary of our parish and school (June 1952); Celebrations will begin CSW 2023 /Committee headed by Mike Nolan - planning school and parish events for each month; Cardinal Cupich to celebrate Easter with us including a reception in the gym; November 12 & 19th Father Arthur attending Renew my Church meetings with a group including asst principal, large effort on evangelization; 81% of students educated in Catholic grade school stop practicing their faith by age 21, evaluating ways to address this trend; Next meeting to include more practical discussions about tools for evangelization - Need to think about addressing next generation of students (School and parish need to work together / OLW performs over 200 baptisms & funerals per year, a little over 22 weddings)

Parish Finance Council Report: (Grant Trunnell) Nothing to report

Principal's Report: (David Wood) Lock down drill this week, included 6 officers, notes for Father to review; Inservice day Friday 11/18; iReady to improve growth scores, though scores were still strong, top 85%, Blue Ribbon standards met; STEM program ready; 4 Smart boards arrived and being installed in the library, STEM room, Mrs. Newell's room and the All-purpose room; Thanksgiving meal donations drop off to Catholic Charities; MS will sponsor 3 families for the holiday with Target shopping trip; Prayer services for Advent season in planning (based on the book "Christmas Pine"); Added 1st and 3rd grades to annual Christmas Program; 8th grade will perform traditional live Nativity; Fall band concert 11/14

Development Director Report: (Danielle Kenney) Tax credit scholarship info sessions held after mass, anyone who pays state taxes can take advantage of this; Endowment mailer to go out in December; Giving Tuesday 11/29; Inquiries are already coming in for PK for next year. Good buzz on our PK & K programs; New 7th grader began today; Planning for open house

Booster Report: (emailed via Julie Carlucci) Girls' volleyball and cross country completed their seasons, great season by all; Girls' and boys' basketball seasons begun; Registration open for boys' volleyball, girls' softball, and track; New uniforms ordered for all basketball players; New uniforms in the works for next year for the volleyball team; Stay tuned for basketball Pack the Gym information; Boosters is interested in filling a few open spots for next year, contact Julie Carlucci at carluccimom@gmail.com

Standing Committees: Public Relations Committee A sampling of families will be contacted in the upcoming weeks by SAB members seeking informal feedback on strengths and weaknesses of our school. If not contacted and interested in participating, please email one of the school board members

New Business: Archdiocese has an optional retention survey available to principals; Parents suggested adding upcoming sporting events to Monday Memos to increase awareness and encourage attendance

Adjournment: The open meeting was adjourned at 8:43 with a closing prayer lead by Christine Banzol.

The next School Advisory Board meeting will be January 9th, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

From the School Manual which is posted on the school website: Re: Agenda Items....."The Board invites and appreciates your interest. The Constitution states that any parents or member of the parish may formally petition the Board with a request to consider recommendations, proposals or other matters relating to the operation of the educational facilities of the parish. Such petitions must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Board at least one week prior to the meeting at which formal consideration is proposed. This procedure allows parishioners to discuss with the Board any matter requiring formal consideration. Ordinarily, policies and other proposals introduced at a Board meeting are discussed and voted upon at subsequent meetings." Respectfully submitted by Andrea McDonnell, Co-secretary