

School Commission Agenda
April 2019
6:45 – 8:00, Room 100



I. Strategic Plan as part of the MNSAA Accreditation

a. Objective 1, Strategy 3, Multiple Action Steps

i. Update on Barb's projects

1. Providing additional support for Yard Signs. – Have ready to take home for summer
2. Development of Focus Groups with 8th grade families
 - a. Capture stories of their journey.
 - b. 5 families have signed up
3. Also create some student focus groups
4. 8th Grade testimonial videos
5. Look into teach training on parent communication
6. School brochure
7. Logo / branded postcards to promote positive behavior of students. Postcard would be mailed to parents

b. Objective 2, Strategy 1, Action Step 6

i. MN Junior High Math League and Mathcounts for 7th and 8th graders: Update from Katie.

1. Seeking additional programs to continue math clubs for 7th and 8th grade enrichment. Curriculum is usually provided by identified programs.
 - a. Looking at budget impact

ii. Future City: Update from Katie.

1. Outreach from MN DOT.
2. 6th – 8th grade enrichment opportunity
3. Designing of city/structures

iii. Look at additional interest in starting up a chess club for students.

II. 2019-20 Enrollment and Retention (Kelly)

a. Enrollment projections.

- i. 182 for 2018-2019
- ii. 175 projected enrollment for 2019-2020
- iii. 8 families pending
- iv. If we reach 185 will receive \$500 grant per classroom for resources/supplies

b. Summer Preschool and Summer School Age program projections.

- i. Both preschool rooms are full
- ii. Retention Pre-k to K
 1. 24 eligible and 14 stayed last year (2018 -2019)
 2. 30 eligible and 18 are registered for Kindergarten 2019-2020
- iii. Summer preschool
 1. ESC – 20 registered

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2. Summer preschool: 25

III. Fundraising (Paul)

- a. Shop with Scrip. Update from Paul.
 - i. Up and running
 - ii. Have to link a bank account to it
 - iii. Identifying role out opportunity. Soft and hard launch
 - iv. 1 per month – money will be given to school based on scrip purchasing

IV. New Business

- a. Security program from Catholic Mutual on June 11th at St. Thomas Academy 8:00am-1:30pm
 - i. Free Program
 - ii. Looking for a commission member to attend – Katie will send out invite
- b. Curriculum updates.
 - i. Social Studies review complete.
 - 1. K-6 evaluation. Looked at 3 different publishers
 - 2. New curriculum is magazine based – “kids discovery”
 - 3. Looking at 6 year contract
 - 4. Positive review from teachers – aligns with MN language art standards.
 - 5. Possible deferment due to budget constraints
 - ii. Faith Formation adopting a new curriculum for 2019-20; SJS is scheduled to review Religion curriculum 2020-21. SJS families welcome to attend new Family Faith Formation activities the first Wednesday of each month during the school year.
 - 1. Adding family formation nights – faith formation families would be expected to attend, St. Joseph School families are invited to attend. One Wednesday per month
 - 2. Catechesis
 - a. Traditional “Sunday School” will no longer will be offered—only Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
 - b. Going to start level 3 next year – Tuesday evenings at 6pm
 - c. Open house on Sunday June 2nd
 - 3. Parish Faith Formation
 - a. Elementary grades getting new curriculum from St Mary’s Press
 - b. 6-8 will continue to use same curriculum
 - c. Classes will be every week instead of every other
 - i. Allows youth program/ministry programs
 - ii. Looking at NET ministry programs
 - d. Confirmation prep will be new
 - i. Adding additional requirement components that will be discussed

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- e. **FORMED.ORG subscriptions will be free**
- c. June meeting/summer meetings.
 - i. Large group meeting in June.
 - 1. **School commission will meet as a committee and not as a large group**
 - ii. Bylaws review.
 - 1. **Look at structure and description of group**
 - iii. New School Commission member recruitment for 2019-20.
 - 1. **Julie and Katie's terms will be ending in 2019.**
 - 2. **Looking for new commission members**
 - a. **Discussion on school's definition of terms during June meeting.**
 - iv. **HSA**
 - 1. **Survey going out**
 - 2. **Leadership committee looking at room "reps" to be the liaison for event reminders and class awareness**
 - a. **Will require them to attend leadership meetings**