

## Education Council

11/27/17 6pm at K-3 Conference Room

**Attendees:** Attached is Sign-In Sheet

Meeting opened with prayer by Father Pat Reynolds at 6:03pm

### Meeting Notes:

- I. Approval of Minutes– Minutes were approved with motion from Juli Stewart and 2<sup>nd</sup> from Tiffany Powers
- II. Pillar Committee Updates-
  - a. Academics –Tracy shared that Academic Committee met as well as the Technology subcommittee this month. At the Academic Committee meeting they reviewed the strategic plan and added goals and objectives and discussed comparing academic scores to state norms as opposed to each school since the test aren't the same for each level. The Technology Committee met and reviewed the technology plan and worked with David Ralph to draft a technology plan that will span over 3-5 years due to rapid changes in technology.
  - b. Catholicity & Discipleship-Catholicity didn't have a meeting in November. Nothing new to report.
  - c. Extracurricular Activities & Athletics- David Kessler reported they are looking at health and wellness for OCS and to ensure every parent got the information regarding the new immunization requirements by the State. OCS is trying to be proactive and will continue to remind the parents. Continuing to watch gym space usage no issues have been reported. Middle School is offering cheerleading again.
  - d. Stewardship – Tiffany Powers' reported that the Stewardship Committee met and discussed the proposed tuition increase for School year 18-19. Financials for School year 16-17 were still not closed out. Long discussion on the tuition increase and how that may affect enrollment and tuition assistance.
- III. 18-19 Tuition & Tuition Assistance- OCS currently has a projected \$500k shortfall on current year budget due to 60 students lower enrolled than budgeted (roughly \$300k). Overall deficient is thought to be \$800,000 from last school year and current. Our tuition increase will not recover us from our deficit, but will help. Every 1% increase is about \$50,000 in generated revenues. Lengthy discussion on tuition and enrollment:
  - a. Some thought that people will pay as long as you get/keep the families excited
  - b. Transparency with the budget is a must to show the shortfall of financials and the need for the increase
  - c. Discussion how we can lower tuition to allow more families to be able to attend
  - d. Public student/teacher ratio is 30:1, OCS varies (24:1; 25-30:1)
  - e. Discussion on how to "fill the seat" initiative with programs like KN for free to get families in the system to see how great the schools are or KN ½ price for those on the fence

- f. Freezing Tuition for families in 3 year increments to allow families to adjust home budgets – some Louisville schools do this with success.
- g. Big Issue is to minimize deficit. Salaries are 70-85% of budget
- h. Grants are typically for a specific need and big grants require an audit
- i. Not sure there is a choice, but to increase tuition. But fear enrollment will go down
- j. Get creative and make OCS Stand out more- focus on marketing so others fall in love with our schools
- k. Historically keep tuition increase low over the last 5-10 years to retain more students; this worked but didn't allow for good financials
- l. Discussion about moving the MS to the HS and the pros and cons as well as what parent perception maybe. Discussed possibly keeping them separate within the school and that would be logistically impossible (i.e. lunch time) along with the parking lot issues with the extra students to have to be picked up.

\*As we move into registration we need to finalize the tuition increase. If no recommendations are made then Gerald and Father Pat will sit down and finalize.

- IV. Financial Update- Lisa Bell continuing to work on weekends to close out financials. Hired Christen Henning, CPA hoping she can get us caught up on this year's financials.
- V. Parent Forum- Varies leaders and committee members attended to take notes and listen. The comments were put in a question format and given to the principles and leaders to respond. After the questions have been answered they will be compiled into one document and presented to the Parent Forum. Discussion on dual credits for the HS.
- VI. General Update – Wayne Payne is cleared and will be back on Monday. As you know Tony Kraus passed away and funeral and visitation information will go out tomorrow with details/times. Funeral will be Friday at noon at the HS Gym.
- VII. Open Discussion – No one had anything for open discussion

Next meeting will be 11/27/17 at 6pm K-3 Conference Room

Meeting was closed with prayer by Father Jerry Riney at 7:25pm

11/27/17 Education Council Sign-In

Jeffrey Powers  
Karen Baird

1. Kirk Nelson  
Gerald Schoen

Amy Silver  
Nancy S. Conkright  
Nancy Smith

Julie Stewart  
Ann M. Keene

Julie Warner  
Lutz Nettles

David Kule  
Brett Becker

Bridgett Stuart  
Ben Latta

Maryann Thompson  
John Reynolds

Alissa Wimpatt  
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7. Amy Krieger  
Carl Lewis