

St. Helen Board Meeting Notes

2-3-20

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

Pastor's Report:

Renew My Church

Official- 3 churches and one mission coming together: St. Helen, St. Mark and Holy Rosary, St. Stephen

School may see increase in enrollment from neighboring parish families

Invited new parents to enroll/come to new parent events/virtual tour

St. Helen School has priority for pastoral leadership-many languages spoken across the churches

July 1st is when this goes into effect

Full time positions expanded within the parish

Main campus- to house new parish will be St. Helen

How will we work with St. Mark and the Puerto Rican community?

- Invitation has been extended to families
- We are an open and diverse community and we welcome all
- Communication from all pastors involved is currently in the mail- all clergy is on board

When it comes to school- what is capacity to take on students across all grade levels?

- Principal Vance working with OCS to identify what space is available – we will fill responsibly

Other worship sites within 3 years will close- all property \$ goes to the new parish

Board President Report:

Chris O'Neil and Suzanne met with Dana yesterday and will meet regularly

- Ensuring that sub committees have what they need- creating a tracking system for what "to-dos" are and
- Trying to be on a business calendar for fundraising etc
- Suzanne taking notes on subcommittees and setting goals
- Opportunity with parishes coming together – to infuse our school with new families
- Parish will need representatives on board

BOSH Report- Maria Sepsis

Money raised for each staff member for Christmas bonus

Raffle sold just under 400 tickets- goal was 400 but some generous families donated so we hit goal

Trivia Night fundraiser with goal to raise \$\$- goal of 20K

Families missing community connection- friendraising – incorporate brewery crawl into trivia night

Working on corporate donations- need info on initiatives so we can pinpoint right corporate donors to help fund us

Need to tie marketing plan into development plan

Parents Club

20-30 parents logging in
Many parents more involved with drop off
The change in drop off has helped get parents out there

Budget Report

Snow Removal- under building and maintenance
Dana has messages out to snow removal companies
High priority
Snow Service difficult to find right now
Building and maintenance person is on medical leave
What do we need to do to fill this position- can we find a temp?
Chris and Suzanne will circle up with leadership- operating as a single community not two separate
Need to ensure communication between parish, school and families
Access to snow blower is available to school

Staci BOSH Board Meeting

How can we do StemStep 5k this year? Back end of St. Helen Invitational September 18th- will depend on city restrictions- if not, we can look to do a virtual event
Tech is 1:1 thanks to BOSH chromebooks
Now 5th can take them home
Charging carts also purchased

Dad's Club

Shoveling
No real opportunity to connect- just making "asks"
Looking forward to Sox game and Meat and Greet next August

Parish Council

Family Mass- Fr. Made the best of it- few students who were there went up on altar
Tim Bopp in attendance
More parents in the church as time is going-
Chris going to work with Sabina to get more families into the seats
Queen of Hearts Raffle in the works
Music- school choir singing at family mass in the future

Marketing Report

Relaunch of Facebook
Amplifying page – ensure that people are seeing posts and content
Video tours created with students from various grades
Students are a huge selling point- used in the videos- VIDEOS ARE PHENOMENAL and a huge selling point

Principal Report

220 students registered for 21-22 school year

9 new siblings

Handful of calls from CPS parents

Hopeful that Saturday will be a big event- enroll new kids

Remote learning- for 2 weeks after holiday was positive

43 students still learning at home but some coming back in Feb and March

CSW speakers zooming in each day

DePaul has pilot program we can join in the spring- talk about what is going on in the world but grounded in Catholic values- social justice focused