

**St. Pius X Catholic High School
Advisory Council Meeting Agenda
December 11, 2023**

Present: Aaron Parr, Dev Maguire, Sam Noyd, Andrew Leipold, Maria Miller, Michelle Schlueter, Marsha Free, Pat Esser, Valerie Maloof, Mark Kelly, Jenn Sedlack, John Mount, Sonya Williams, Pat Esser, James Flanagan

Absent: Michelle Raney, Richard Whitcomb

Welcome and Prayer

- Approval of October 23, 2023 Minutes - minutes approved

- Old business:

- New business:
- Jenn Sedlack - Advancement
 - #IGiveCatholic day- Giving Tuesday 11/28
 - We had a considerable increase in our Annual Fund
 - We raised over \$150K on this day
 - Matching gifts not included
 - \$100k more than last year
 - #1 Archdiocese and 15th in the nation for #IGiveCatholic Day
 - Another Annual Fund reminder - Give like a Golden Lion postcard
 - If anyone has donated to the Annual Fund did not receive this postcard/campaign
 - Steve Spellman was the first card; Chris Murphy was the 2nd postcard
 - Current parents are at 48% in giving; would like for this to increase
 - Morgan Carney will be the next alum featured
 - Ring the Bells Capital Campaign- surpassed \$14M
 - Locker promo - \$1000 donation will result in a small locker nameplate on the locker in the athletic spaces

- Alumni name will be imprinted on the locker plate on the solicitation to the alumni - late January
 - Gala - \$250K is the goal
 - These \$\$ will go directly to the operating budget
 - \$96K already raised by the sponsorship committee
 - Jenn requested that the advisory council participate - sponsorship, attending the event, making donations to event
 - Anne Marie Ciprari - new alumni director, SPX alum and her children are alumni as well
 - Young Alumni are invited back to campus on January 3, 2024 - 1 pm - 3 pm - campus tour, visit with old teachers
 - Trivia Night - sports related items are needed for raffles - need ticket donations for Braves, ATL United, Hawks, Arts related events
 - Faculty Christmas party - Michelle Crofton created another successful & fun event
 - GRACE scholars - to date we have exceeded where we were last year -
 - Currently at \$480K which is substantially higher than last year
 - AoA has a new stewardship department which is highly promoting GRACE Scholars
 - Pat Esser commended Jenn for the continuous communication during #IGiveCatholic day - he feels that this was the key in raising so much \$\$
 - With GRACE Scholars, we can offer up to 80% of tuition assistance for those who have a need
 - Without GRACE, we offer up to 70% in tuition assistance
 - Mark Kelly commended Laura O'Connell for her work on the Between the Lions
- President's update
 - Late Fall/Early Winter successes
 - Academics - AP Platinum school -
 - Fine Arts Christmas shows - all performances were very well done
 - Sarah Blakely, founder of SPANX, attended our dance concert
 - Guitar and Band concerts were outstanding
 - The Little Mermaid is the spring musical
 - Vocations week for the AoA-
 - We hosted seminarians and priests on campus - basketball game between priests and students

- Very successful and students loved it
- GHSA reclassification
- 7A has been eliminated
- SPX will be at 4A for 24-25 and 25-26 school years
- Members of 4A - Marist, Tucker, SW DeKalb, Clarkston, Cross Keys, Druid Hills, Lithonia, Northview and North Springs
- Enrollment - fall shadow days are now complete
- In Town Community school is a very impressive school
- Morning of the Arts went very well
- Deadline for applications is 1/29/24
- Academic Side - Committee has been meeting regularly regarding a new bell schedule
- Would it be beneficial for us to change our bell schedule?
- SPX is one of the few schools remaining that still has a straight class schedule of periods 1 through 8
- The committee will visit different schools during the second semester to observe how different schedules work
- At the end of the 23-24 school year - a decision will be made if we need to change the schedule; the new schedule would possibly go into effect for the 25-26 school year - possibly later
- The question was asked - Will this allow for dual enrollment in the future?
- At this point in time, no.
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- Accreditation - February 2024 -
 - Cognia will be visiting the school the 2nd week of February
- Finance Council - update
 - Diane Starkovich and Brad Wilson were both in attendance
 - Meeting went very well
 - There is a group of students who are part of the investment club and they gave a presentation regarding managing money
 - One of the members of the finance committee is in wealth management and will mentor these students
 - IDr. Julie Broom has been diagnosed with cancer which seems to be very aggressive and has pulled her name from consideration for the next Superintendent of the Office of Catholic Schools

- There will now be a search committee for the next superintendent and Diane Starkovich will retire when accreditation is complete
- She will stay on as a consultant

Assembly - John Trautwein - former MLB pitcher

- Foundation - Will to Live
- Assembly concentrated on mental health
- The students were very receptive to his presentation
- We hosted a parent presentation as well and Mr. Trautwein challenged the parents
- We need to determine the best ways to continue this conversation for the students with the assistance of our counseling department
- Sam Noyd recommended using John Trautwein for an alumni presentation
- Mark Kelly recommended offering this AoA wide here at SPX
- Therapy dogs will be on campus for the students during all final exams starting on Friday, 12/15

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Viability Index for SPX -

- All of the factors were discussed
- Marsha will send out the date for next year's AoA meeting for the advisory council for better planning in the fall

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- Coffee with the President - January 19 at 8:45am
 - Looking for more opportunities for parents to meet with the President
 - Will have a preset agenda
 - Accreditation and philanthropy of parents
 - Aaron invited the advisory council members to attend
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- Optional tour of the Saint Joan of Arc fieldhouse - rescheduled to March meeting
- Upcoming 7am remaining meeting dates for 23-24 school year:
 - March 18, 2024
 - May 13, 2024