

Agenda: October 2019 Annunciation School Advisory Council
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 **Time:** 6:45p.m.
Location: Spirit Center at Annunciation School
Meeting Attendees (P = Present A= Absent)

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| P | John Bradford – Council | P | Father Brian Park – Pastor |
| P | Deborah Copperud – Council | P | Jennifer Cassidy – Principal |
| P | Josh Dingman – Council | P | APO representative - Heather |
| P | Nicole Farrell – Council | P | Christy McFadden – Enrollment Comm. |
| P | Deb Ferrao – Council | | |
| P | Scott Hofer – Council | P | Todd - Trustee |
| P | Sara Juran – Council | P | Matt – Trustee |
| P | Tom Keegan – Council | | |
| P | Meghan Manchon – Council | | |
| P | Pam Nimmerfroh – Council | | |
| P | Brenda Studt – Council | | |

I. Call to Order 6:45p.m.

Opening Prayer – Led by Father Park
 Approval of Agenda – Approved unanimously
 Approval of Minutes from September 2019 – Approved unanimously

II. Open Public Forum 6:50p.m.

A parent group of 45 appeared with a prepared statement (attached as Exhibit A). The statement was read by several parents and addressed a variety of concerns, including, but not limited to:

- the inclusiveness of the school culture;
- concerns from earlier community meeting were not addressed and no meaningful action was taken;
- differing theological viewpoints are no longer tolerated;
- increase in religious instruction in the school;
- increasing number and type of educational decisions made Father Park;
- staff turnover and overextension of teachers and staff; and
- instruction and language with respect to sexuality.
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The group expressed that their concern comes from a place of shared faith and that group represents about 30% of the student population. The group asked that Father Park share his vision for the school so that parents can make informed decisions about where their children are educated.

III. Guest Speaker 7:00p.m.

Jennifer Cassidy and Father Park asked Gayle Stoffel from the Archdiocese to share the role of school councils as conceived by the Archdiocesan model. Stoffel stated that the Archdiocese provides resources and guidance to parish schools, but does not provide overarching governance of Catholic schools in Archdiocese. Under the Archdiocesan model identified in the handout provided by Stoffel (which compared and contrasted public school and Catholic school governance), the pastor is essentially the superintendent of the school. Stoffel and the handout identified 4 principle groups in the Catholic school: 1) the pastor who has final authority on all matters, 2) principal (to whom the pastor delegates school operational responsibility), 3) school advisory council, and 4) parent organization. Stoffel indicated that the Archdiocesan model holds that the school council is purely consultative and

provides no guidance regarding pastor/principal acceptance of council recommendations. Stoffel stated that school councils are not a place for parent complaints or advocacy in the Archdiocesan model.

IV. Council Deliberation

7:33p.m.

Discussion on the best way for the school community to receive Father's responses to the concerns and questions that were provided to him

Father Park will email the 5 parents that spoke this evening to thank them and seek their input in christypreparation for a broader community engagement meeting

V. General Updates

8:12p.m.

APO-General Updates –

- Fun run - targeting 70 families; have 40 signed up so far.
- Trivia night 11/15/2019 – funds to build out classroom libraries – plan is to provide gift cards to allow teachers to customize their classroom libraries
- Winter greens – flyers and order forms
- Barnes & Noble fundraising event - December 11th – proceeds from book and café sales go to a gift card to be used to purchase new library materials
- Suggestions to post event photos/videos to social media
- First disability speaker event on Wednesday

Enrollment Committee – Christy McFadden

- billboards went up for open houses; flyers went to printer – will be sent to targeted households advertising open house. Seeking ASC member input on open house agenda and format.
- Needs to report to Cisco on state of finance/budgeting

Principal Cassidy – General Report - attach report as exhibit

- Preparation for accreditation
- MEA week – Extra day to be used to prepare for accreditation and Middle school inquiry work (IB)
- Encouraged nomination of teachers for Cisco awards

Father Park – No report

VI. Old Business

8:15p.m.

- Septemberfest – Feedback on ASC + APO sponsored Bingo – Nicole passed along thanks for staffing by ASC – Council agreed to do it again and take Saturday and Sunday bingo next year.
- Annunciation Diversity Statement – revised policy statement unanimously approved.
- ASC bylaws and constitution – discussion about filling open member slot – Deborah Copperud will send applications – vote via email (ranked choice) by Friday

- Term limits
- Members
- Review by the Policy committee
- Policy for external speakers – draft policy pillars circulated and discussed. Comments from council members will be incorporated and used to develop a draft policy for the council's consideration.

Adjourned at 9:05