

## **SJA Board Minutes December 4, 2023**

Attendees: Father Al, Sr. Eileen, Deb Rizzotto, Faris Beshara, Jim Beeghley, Jessica Schnupp, Scott Smith, Nichole Jones, Kristen Sanders, Amanda Frishkorn

Pastor: Father Al

- Parish Council- The Catholic Leadership Institute: revitalizing Parishes (grant for \$30,000 program). We didn't get the grant, but we are going to do the Vitality Index- which is a survey of anyone involved in the Parish and will help to get a better perception of the Parish. This is a 2-3 month survey process (beginning winter 2024). Over summer, SJA will create goals and begin to implement. Father Al would like to get the surveys out through the school and encourage as many people to complete the survey as possible

STEM Teacher PreK-8th: Amanda Frishkorn

- Goals for younger grades (building, problem solving, coding, keyboarding, etc.)
- Goals for Middle School (Coding, careers)
- Hoping to get a 3D printer (grants are available)
- Taking over the yearbook this year, hoping for a camera
- Every trimester each teacher is incorporating a STEM project into their classroom
- SJA has many of devices and a goal is to teach students to use them in a meaningful way

Principal: Sister Eileen

- CAIU: Today, 12/4 SJA had 6 guidance counselors and their dog in the lounge to assist students after the passing of our 8th grader, Joseph Clark. Some of the counselors are coming back tomorrow (12/5) to support students. Funeral Saturday; Greeting for family on Friday evening
- Middle School Social postponed until January
- Kids can dress in blue or orange on Thursday in honor of Joseph
- Mass for Joseph next Wednesday
- Middle States accreditation (good until January 2031)
- The Vocation Committee in the Parish gave our school a Cross which will be passed to each classroom to school, students will get a copy of the Vocation Prayer, and Blessed Mother poster in each classroom. Father Al is going to bless the Cross at Mass.
- Catholic Schools Week- similar to last year. Family day will be in the morning.
- Christmas Shoppe (next week during library)
- DHS- coming to inspect WINGS over the next two weeks
- STAR Census program for WINGS, which should help with paperwork
- Five deaths among staff members- Peace Lilies given to staff

Development: Deb Rizzotto

- Annual Fund
- Gala letters are out
- 45% of families have participated in the Adopt a Family

- January 8th- reenrollment for 2024-2025 school year
- Great feedback from school tours
- Mailbox for Santa

Assistant Principal: Faris Beshara

- Working on technology tools to help keep MS students more accountable (Chromebook sign-out, etc).
- STAR Growth- teachers are working on the growth assessments. The Diocese would like a plan and report to make sure every student is showing growth.

Technology: Jim Beeghley

- Everything seems to be up and running.
- Suggested "Hall Pass" and "Go Guardian

PTO: Jessica Schnupp

- Spaghetti Dinner- very well attended. Final number is expected this week (usually around \$10,000). Heather Tressler ran the dinner and plans to lead for one more year.
- Christmas Shoppe- next week
- Christmas at the Barn- December 15th (a lot of moving parts)

Fellowship: Scott Smith

- CYO is wondering if the gym can be waxed once per year?
- Cocoa Packs: has been using the old school.
- Pop tab collection to support the Ronald McDonald House

Catholic Identify: Nicole Jones

- Hoping to use survey results (see Father Al's notes) for help frame the needs for Catholic identity here at the school.
- Alumni relations- will connect with Deb

Education Excellence: Kristen Sanders

- Official Middle States Accreditation- good until January 2031
- MS Objective 1: Enrichment/Remediation- some teachers are piloting Freckle, which is a computer based program that aligns with the student's STAR scores
- Objective 2: SEL- looking to replace Cerebrate with a program called Frenzy- looking for a more hands-on and activity based program
- Objective 3: Recycling- recycling posters in cafe, all classrooms have recycling bins, recycling pretest given to students recently.
- Career Day- working out the details. Sister is planning to ask the teachers for their feedback