

A Message from the CKS Advisory Council President – September 25, 2017

Members of the Advisory Council held an introductory coffee in the Parish Center the morning of Wednesday, September 6th. Approximately a dozen parents joined the Council members who were able to attend. Council members were introduced, and Patrick and I provided a brief overview of the Council's work. Those wishing more information or to participate were encouraged to contact Mr. O'Sullivan or me.

The Council also held its first regular meeting of the year on Wednesday evening, September 20th. During the Council's open session, Monsignor Zimmerman provided a recap of the service for Henry McDowell and reminded everyone of his wonderful contributions to the school and parish communities. New Parents Association President, Jeannie Miller, reported on the eighth graders' work assisting the faculty during the in-service period, the success of Back-to-School Night, the feedback from the Dallas Police Department regarding the donation drive for Hurricane Harvey victims, and the upcoming Fashion Show Luncheon. The CKSPA anticipates holding two online auctions this year (one each semester), and is discussing a possible community-building gala, which might be held in conjunction with the annual tennis and golf events.

During the Advisory Council's executive session, I outlined the various committee's which would be functioning throughout the year, including Health and Wellness, Finance, Facilities, Marketing, Nominating, Curriculum, and Mission and Catholic Identity. In terms of individual committee updates, Dr. Tolle, who is taking over for Dr. Matt Yaeger as the Council's medical and health specialist, discussed his vision for ongoing presentations for the parents aimed at improving the physical and mental wellbeing of our students. Additionally, the budget for the current fiscal year was discussed, including the overall soundness of the school's finances, projected revenue, status of the Annual Fund, the Community Center's implications on the school's budget, and perspectives on class size. Patrick also touched on the significant improvements made to the school's facilities over the summer and the positive feedback regarding same, as well as the anticipated redesigning of the school's computer lab and expansion of our extracurricular robotics activities. Additionally, Mrs. Bosco updated the Council on the school's ongoing efforts to update and improve its curriculum, including English Language Arts changes, monitoring and assessing test results (including ERB and Iowa/CogAT), and upcoming science oriented workshops and field-trips.

Our next Council meeting is Wednesday, October 18th, in the Board Room of the Community Center.

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