

## **MINUTES OF ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 24, 2021**

A meeting of the Advisory Council (the "Council") of Christ the King Catholic School ("CKS") was held on February 24, 2021 commencing at 6:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time) via a Zoom virtual meeting.

### **Attendance**

The following members of the Council were present and participated in the meeting: Dr. Patrick O'Sullivan (President), Dr. Lisa Bosco (Principal), Father Tony Lackland, Father Ryan Hiaeshutter, Jimmy Archie, Erin Kidwell, Elissa McClure, Stephanie Phillips, Colin Raymond, Michele Snyder, Dr. Michael Tolle, Brian Tusa, Todd Weissmueller, Mark Knize, and Chris Galante.

### **Minute Approval**

Mr. Raymond made a motion to approve the January minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Erin Kidwell, and so approved.

### **Church Update**

After Fr. Tony led opening prayer, he and Fr. Ryan provided the Church update.

Fr. Tony mentioned the Rite of Election of the RCIA candidates that occurred this past weekend. He also mentioned the number of young families and college-age kids joining the parish recently, a trend that he finds particularly encouraging. Fr. Ryan commented on recent Faith Formation classes where he was able to provide 50+ kids a walkthrough of Mass. They each commented on their excitement for the upcoming Confirmation retreat this weekend which will include a Holy Hour with confessions. Fr. Bass and Monsignor Zimmerman will be on hand to participate and help.

### **School Update**

Dr. Bosco introduced Ms. Fritts as the teacher of the year and offered her some time to address the council. Ms. Fritts mentioned how honored and appreciative she is to receive this award. She discussed her passion for teaching and how much she enjoys the CKS community. Members of the Council congratulated her and offered a few fun stories of the impression she has made on their children.

Dr. O'Sullivan provided an update to last month's discussion on applications and tuition delinquency. Application numbers remain strong. Efforts are underway to address and work with families in good standing.

Mr. Hudson offered an update on the 3-year technology plan and confirmed that all year 1 items discussed in last month's meeting are being actioned. The council discussed the server and switch items from the year 2 list and decided it would be prudent to pursue those as well along with the year 1 items.

### **Health and Wellness**

Dr. Tolle shared an update on Covid-19 and any suggestions of the Health and Wellness committee. Recent focus of the medical community has been on pushing out as many vaccines as possible. Vaccination began on the 1B population and won't move past this cohort until all teachers and others essential workers are complete. Overall cases have been dropping. February has been a good month, and the situation around hospitals and intensive care units has been improving. Concerns exist about Coronavirus variants, but early signs indicate that the current vaccine formulas appear to be effective in these cases as well. The CDC is getting pressure to adjust and publish recommendations on what vaccinated people can and cannot do safely.

The Health and Wellness Committee suggests that the school drop parking lot temperature checks at morning drop-off. Given improvements in the local situation and the fact that CKS carries a 96% completion compliance of morning screening form, the redundant car pools checks are no longer needed. Dr. O'Sullivan and Dr. Bosco have accepted the recommendation and will announce the change on Monday 3/1 via the CKS Newsletter with effect on 3/2.

### **Finance**

Dr. O'Sullivan reviewed January-end figures against budget. As some income is down due to cancelled fundraisers and the lack of the parish subsidy, the school has also avoided some expenses as well due to the lack of field trips and other planned activities. Overall, school finances look very healthy against the budget and forecasts for the remainder of the year.

The council discussed the possible reinstatement of the golf fundraiser. The school will gauge interest via a survey and look at potential dates that may work.

The finance committee will have another meeting in advance of the next council meeting and bring recommendations on possible capital expenditures over the summer.

### **Academics**

Dr. Bosco offered an academic update, sharing that 3<sup>rd</sup> grade SOAR students start meeting next week and Read Across America (Dr. Suess Week) begins next week as well. She provided the council its first look at the 2021-22 school year calendar. All dates have been approved at this point, and she is not expecting any changes. In-person instruction will begin on 8/9/21 and conclude on 5/27/22.

### **Facilities**

Mr. Tusa provided an update on activities related to school facilities. With the effort to install drainage and re-turf the school field now complete, the field will be opened next week. Inspections after significant rains did find spots that needed to some adjustment, but those have since been corrected.

Mr. Tusa noted that we continue to receive bids for the new field fence – a design which includes masonry columns (selected to match existing brick on the Community Center) with decorative wrought iron in between. Mr. Archie shared some designs from other schools in the area. One of the masons offered to donate his work, and another trade offered to do his work at cost. This will provide significant cost savings to the overall effort. The work is slated to begin in May or June 2021.

Mr. Tusa concluded his update noting that the school will be pressure washed over the summer as well to clean the brick and other exteriors.

### **Catholic Identity**

Dr. O'Sullivan provided a brief Catholic Identity update, noting that as preparations for Ash Wednesday were completed, the inclement weather prevented the event. He mentioned the upcoming Confirmation Retreat and the significance to the attendees. He also expressed his gratitude for the continued student outreach that Fr. Tony and Fr. Ryan continue to provide. He finished with a comment on high school applications, pointing out that all but one student will be moving on to a Catholic high school and how important that is to our mission.

### **CKSPA**

Mrs. Kidwell provided an update on the recent efforts of the CKSPA. She secured Advisory Council participation for the remaining CKSPA meetings this year. She noted recent outreach to help support

those in need due to the winter storm. She mentioned Uniform Closet preparations given the upcoming switch to summer uniforms soon. She concluded with an update on the effort around the Last Hurray for mothers not returning to CKS.

**Closing prayer**

With no more business before the council, Fr. Ryan closed with a prayer, and the meeting was adjourned.