

ST. JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA  
Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Meeting Time: 6pm – 7:30pm

Location: St. John Bosco Library

Voting Board Members:

- Marianne Biegler (MB), President, Chair
- Cindy Casaus (CC), Vice President
- Erica Seidel (ES), Secretary
- Brian Wiscombe (BW)
- Marc Rivas (MR) (Absent)
- Chad Stallings (CS)
- Laura Underwood (LU) (Absent)
- Erin Gonzales (EG)
- Moti Salloum (MS)

Ex-officio Non-Voting Board Members:

- Fr. James Aboyi (JA), Pastoral Administrator
- Jamie Bescak (JB), Principal, Administrative Officer
- Rachel Barone (RB), Faculty Representative
- Hogan Macdonald, STREAM Teacher/IT Director (Absent)
- Marilyn Johnston (MJ) Parish Council Representative
- Krissy Bileski (KB) Preschool Director

AGENDA			
1.	Meeting Call to Order/Welcome		MB
2.	Opening Prayer/Reflection		EG
2.	Roll Call and Verification of Quorum	Absent: MR, LU, HM	ES
3.	Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	N/A	MB
4.	Discussion of Parish Sign up; Discussion of SAB Marketing Initiative: Best of Valley, Best of Ahwatukee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The purpose is to market the school and promote the Best of Ahwatukee awards.</li> <li>• Signup slots for marketing of SJB Open House are still open. Marketing material has been updated, distributed to SAB via email and printed. It is the responsibility of SAB member promoting at different churches will be to request material to be added to churches bulletins.</li> <li>• The weekend prior to open house (11/4-5) will be staffed with Ambassador's at all churches. Trifold pamphlets have been printed for distribution.</li> <li>• JB to order 2-3 more standing/rolling sign.</li> <li>• KB volunteered to reach out to Our Lady of Guadalupe church, will need Spanish speaking help. Last contact at church was Ester.</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CS will assist MR at St. Andrews. Nov 5.</li> <li>• SJB will enter the Best of Valley this year.</li> </ul>	
5.	Review of Diocesan SAB Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diocesan School Board Meeting held on Saturday, September 23, 2023; attended by KB, HM, LU, CC, EG.</li> <li>• Attendance was much lower this year than last and the Diocese is thinking to change the cadence of the meeting to every other year.</li> <li>• Keynote speaker was Bishop Dolan. Emphasized the importance of catholic schooling and fostering the mental of our students.</li> <li>• Breakout sessions attended by EG and LU (ESA and STO, hosted by CEA) shared a lot about their funding and what they support. ESA only funds half for kinder, parents should consider using STO for that year to build up accounts.</li> <li>• KB and HM attended the social media breakout session. SJB is way ahead of the game in this area. A lot of the session was about Geofencing. Listed places to promote the school, which we are already doing.</li> <li>• Fostering Mental Resilience and a Healthy Identity in Our Students – Dr. MaryRuth Hackett. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Good Information – Parenting Smarts Podcast</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Legislative Update – What Bills are Impacting our Schools – Ron Johnson &amp; Dominic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Arizona Catholic Conference – nonpartisan, they do not endorse</li> <li>○ Azcatholicconference.org</li> <li>○ Signup for email updates</li> <li>○ ESA and the Budget</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
6.	Principal Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JB shared annual report for 2022 which was published at the Sunday St. Benedict Mass the week prior.</li> <li>• SJB had a surplus of \$486,687.</li> <li>• Current enrollment at school is 446.</li> <li>• Preschool has a wait-list.</li> <li>• JB confirmed max student enrollment is 520.</li> <li>• Annual Gala in September 2023 raised \$125K.</li> <li>• Great new venue and great feedback from everyone.</li> <li>• HM is working to get quote for new fencing for Preschool/Kinder area with painting of all trim</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A suggestion of consider paint color to match the new church colors.</li><li>• A new Strategic Planning Committee has been created. Faculty, staff and 2 parents are leading.</li><li>• The goal is to have a 5-year plan announced at curriculum night 2024-25.</li><li>• After a review of the last strategic plan from 2014-15, feedback from the committee has been that most of the components have been completed.</li><li>• The new strategic plan should include 4-5 key categories.</li><li>• Expectations from SAB is to be a sounding board for this strategic planning committee and provide support.</li><li>• Harvest Fest was fun and attended by lots of parishioners and KOC volunteers.</li><li>• Presales for tickets worked well.</li><li>• No final numbers yet.</li><li>• HF Class baskets were nice this year.</li><li>• JB is looking into booking a public speaker to come speak to parents or children so if anyone knows of any topics or speakers let JB know.</li><li>• JB informed the group the ITBS rankings communicated at the end of the 22-23 school year were incorrect for results for a different school.</li><li>• JB provided the updated scores (which shall not be published) but will be communicated in the BITE in weeks to come.</li><li>• The staff has provided good feedback on the new ELA curriculum.</li><li>• Open house: Jena Gump will send out a SAB volunteer signup by Wednesday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup>.</li><li>• Open House scheduled for November 10, 2023, and SAB members are requested to attend mass and help with tours. Let Mrs. Bescak know if you can help.</li><li>• JB is working with the St. Benedict Finance Council to set tuition for the 24-25 school year and plans to have new tuition set by December 1, 2023, in order to open Re-enrollment earlier than before.</li></ul>	
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7.	Pastor's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JA thanked everyone for understanding his absence and helping to support the school marketing.</li> <li>• JA is happy with the situation at school and parish.</li> <li>• St. Benedict is in the completion process of changing booking company.</li> <li>• A new contracted bookkeeper started in September 2023 and things are going well.</li> <li>• Bookkeeper is using the same system that was previously used.</li> <li>• Hired 2 new staff for maintenance support which will be shared between SJB and St. Benedict.</li> <li>• An audit visit is planned for November 7, 2023. Last visit was in 2019.</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JA is glad our catholic identity is very strong at SJB. Sr. Delia plays music in classes and is loved by all.</li> <li>• St. Bens will have their separate Strategic Planning committee and will only be for moving into new church.</li> <li>• We are expecting to have many new parishioners and want to focus on retainment.</li> <li>• Church construction is going well but the timeline and cost may push out.</li> <li>• The goal is to move into new church before Christmas of 2023 but no later than end of January 2024.</li> </ul>	
8.	Closing Prayer - 7:22pm		CC