

ST. JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Monday, August 19, 2019

Meeting Time: 5:30 p.m. to approximately 7:15 p.m.

Location: St. Benedict (Church Conference Room)
16223 S. 48th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85048

Voting Board Members:

Cheryl O'Malley (CO)
Erica Seidel (ES)
Holly Forseth (HF)
Marianne Biegler (MB)
Dianne Hansen (DH), Secretary
Krista Loew (KL), Vice President
Greg Skrovan (GS)
Ryan Whitlatch (RW), President, Chair
Brian Wiscombe (BW)

Ex-officio Non-Voting Board Members:

Fr. James Aboyi (JA), Pastoral Administrator
Anita Petitti (AP), Principal, Administrative Officer
Jeannette Vanderah (JG), Faculty Representative
Jamie Bescak (JB), Pre-School Director
Marilyn Johnston (MJ), Parish Council Representative

Guests:

Jackie Jansen (JJ)
Jeannette Vanderah (JV)
Jamie Bescak (JB)

AGENDA			
1.	Opening Prayer	RW	1 min
2.	Welcome & Introductions	All	5 min
3.	Pastor's report-Introduction of SJB Admin Team	JA & Guests	5 min
4.	Principal's report	AP	45 min
5.	Pre-School Director's report	JB	5 min
6.	Closing Prayer	RW	5 min
7.	Closed Session	RW	5 min

**Documents Attached*

1. Meeting commenced at 5:31PM with an opening prayer from RW.
2. RW announced no diocesan in-service this year. Being revamped and will return in Fall of 2020.
3. The board went around the room and introduced themselves.
4. Fr James' update:
 - a. Introduced new admin team to replace Vice Principal to share the work.
 - b. Discussed three key areas why parent send their kids to Catholic school with the desire to work on those three areas.
 - i. Curriculum, Accreditation – Jeanette Vanderah
 - ii. Catholic Identity and Campus Safety – Jackie Jansen
 - iii. Promotion, Pre-School Director – Jamie Bescak
 - c. School and parish music director will alternate leading masses, will further enhance school choir attachment to Church.
 - d. Appeal to parents to always be positive and optimistic. Reduce negative energy and respond positively. Offer recommendations.
5. Principal's report:
 - a. Thanks to Jena Gump for being teacher representative on school board for many years. Will be rolling off, to be replaced by Jeanette Vanderah.
 - b. Admin team are looking forward to a good year. All glad to be present and looking forward to a good year.
 - c. Curriculum Night:
 - i. Night ended in an awkward way; teachers were upset. Jr High Parents vented and demanded answers regarding changes to schedule and class sizes.
 - ii. Received an email from parents thanking AP for curriculum night, and placing trust in the Admin team, etc.
 - iii. Received a second email from a parent who attended Jr High curriculum night, who doesn't have a student in Jr High. The student moved to public school but submitted a list of things perceived to be missing. After review with the board and staff, there were very few programs missing as the student perceived.
 - iv. Town hall meetings have been requested again. This format is discouraged by the diocese because they are not productive and the theme is usually negative.
 - v. There is a protocol outlined in the handbook on how to raise issues, and parents at time do not follow protocol.
 - vi. Suggestion to not lose sight of core issue to be addressed in light of the negative way the concerns were raised.
 - vii. Last year, kids received less than 45 minutes per subject; with the change this year, they receive more instruction time.
 - viii. The Admin team will prepare an explanation of the classroom change and communicate this week.
 1. 7-8th grade all classes are combined for one class per grade
 2. Positive feedback received so far
 3. Benefits of combined classroom
 - a. Effective use of time

- b. Already ahead
- c. Getting through more material
- ix. AP requested trust and support from the Advisory Board

6. Pre-school report

- a. 3s classroom is full – with waiting list of 10, will create a new classroom
 - b. Marketing is going well. Mark Rivas has been a huge contributor.
 - c. Jamie was on Daily Mix, positive experience. Will be on September 3rd again.
 - d. Two free billboards. Taking photos of students.
 - e. Promoting open house.
 - f. Come to mass on Oct 5th to promote school.
 - g. Open house, Nov 11th 8:30-11:00
7. Closing prayer at 7:05PM