

**St. Vincent de Paul School**  
**Commission on Education Agenda**  
**December 13, 2023**  
**5:30 pm**  
**(Meeting Notes)**

- ❖ Call to Order/Opening Prayer – Stewardship Prayer
- ❖ Welcome new COE team members (Megan Elger and Josh Ebbert)
- ❖ Roll Call (Sarah Hogan, Father Willard, Anne Dixon, Kathy Barnett, Kelly Bailey, Benjamin Miller, Megan Elger, Josh Ebbert, Becky Burns)
  - Not in attendance tonight (Angie Lagocki)
- ❖ Commission Reports
  - Father Willard - Pastor
    - Recent baptism of one of our students
    - Coming up 1st communion for those students who still need it
    - Waiting on more items for the chapel (school) students are using it Father has been giving explanations as he goes through the mass for younger students
  - Sarah Hogan - Principal
    - Enrollment numbers reported approximately the same as October meeting
    - Security will be upgraded over Christmas break (front door, care door, church door, preschool door and additional cameras for blind spots) This was funded by the Women's Guild
    - New speakers, projection, wireless mic in the cafeteria (Pearl Tech) will be installing over break
    - New dishwasher in the kitchen
    - Planning/discussion for the middle section of the roof
    - New school website is almost ready to go
    - School received over 27,000 for Giving Tuesday (novels, teaching units, math fluency program, science supplements, additional applications for 3D printer in stem lab and some chapel items, Pottery wheel, Microscopes and multisensory items for Orton Gillinham curriculum were purchased)
    - School counselor update-small groups solving conflicts, self-regulation, self confidence, friendships, pushed into classroom for whole group lessons such as accepting differences, individual sessions
    - School is moving to online enrollment/application
    - Staff worked to revise the mission statement

- Sarah shared the new School Improvement Plan (areas of focus are Catholic identity, reading and math proficiency)
- Sarah asked for assistance on new perspective family packet with a goal of a Jan due date (Kelly Bailey, Anne Dixon and possibly Josh Ebbert to assist)
- Sarah asked for assistance with an opportunity for a security grant \$100,000- Benji discussed asking Carol. (Becky Burns offered to assist as well)
- Invest in kids scholarship will end this year-discussion of writing a new bill-School had some additional donors prior to it ending and were able to fund 8 more students
- Finance counsel is discussing how they will make up for no scholarships in the future. It is estimated that the need will be about \$150,000
- New superintendent visited last Monday
- Kathy Barnett - Preschool Director
  - 58 students
  - Social after 4:30 mass in the Parish hall
  - Special persons day in November
  - Dec 21st will be Christmas parties and program that evening
  - Medieval times event will be in Jan
  - Conferences will be in Jan/Feb
  - Preschool will do the online enrollment as well
- Benjamin Miller - Campus Minister
  - Weekly masses, weekly adoration, chapel masses, weekly rosary,
  - Baby bottle drive respect life week was successful
  - Vocation awareness week
  - Father Chase came to talk with the 5th-8th graders
  - Advent prayer services on Mondays
  - Sacrament meetings for 2nd and 8th grade parents will be held January 10th
  - Catholic schools week will be Jan 28-Feb 3rd
- Women's Guild
  - Bingo night hosted by the teachers was a successful, fun event
  - Advent mass and dinner went well. Ladies toured the new chapel and the school received some donations for the chapel that night
  - Classes will be pairing up to sponsor donut Sundays
  - There will be a Cage/closet clean out in the Parish Hall in Feb.
  - Jamie Messmore is working on revising the "room mom" informational packet
  - Mrs. Straub will lead the bookfair. New vendor will be Blue Ribbon books

- Mallory Hanson interested in taking over Fun Fest
- Parish Hall renovation update-chairs will be purchased with Fund a Need money
- The Auction may or may not occur this year (looking for a chair person) If the auction does not happen the Guild may do a raffle fundraiser in its place
- Next meeting will be Jan 9th
- Men's Club
  - No report

❖ Discussion Items (old and new business)

- COE had a discussion regarding speech screenings and tiered services
- Now that there is online enrollment Sarah is talking about possibly having a Kindergarten signing with a photo op and some swag so new families can tour the school/meet staff
- Kathy mentioned that the preschool parents have been coming open house catholic during Catholic Schools Week so maybe have something then
- Future meeting dates (2/21, 4/17, 5/15) at 5:30 pm

❖ Next meeting Date: February 21, 2023 at 5:30 pm

❖ Concluding Prayer/Adjournment – Father Willard