

St. Francis DeSales High School Parent Advisory Board
Tuesday, September 21, 2021; (6:00 pm to 7:30 pm) – SFD Cafeteria

- Call to Order** Doug Heil
- Opening Prayer** Jim Jones
- Approval of August Meeting Minutes** Doug Heil & Amy Nicely
- Financial Report** Tom Etgen
- Audit Comments fiscal year 2020-21
 - Budget Highlights for 2021-22 – some numbers still fluid: waiting on 1st electric bill post-new AC system and 2021-22 employee benefits number; also Covid-related unknowns: government refunds are expected and current year expenses unknown
- Alumni Report** Tim Jewett
- Upcoming 20 and 30-plus reunions in September-October; and good turnout at homecoming traditions mass and breakfast
- September Topic: Introduction of Salesian Sisters** Salesian Sisters
- Sisters: Loretta, Guerline, Monique and JooYun each gave a little talk
 - Overall they feel very blessed to be working with SFD (and likewise, SFD faculty and staff feel the same)
 - Founders Saints John Bosco and Mary Mazzarello had spiritual directors that had special devotions to St. Francis DeSales, so very meaningful for them that they are working at SFD
 - Moto “God Is With Us” and is always present thus, they are very present among the students, walking in the halls, participating in retreats and prayer services and service drives, also Sr. Joo Yun is assisting at St. Matthias and St. James the Less
- Enrollment** Julie Barber
- Largest summer prep turnout ever (around 180, usually around 120 students)
 - Summer cookouts for 8th graders, over 300 people
 - Retention in upper grades has been very good
 - Demographics
 - 80% of enrollment comes from 6 feeder schools, 10% from suburban schools, 5% from home/private schools and 5% from Columbus public schools
 - Heritage is about 60% white, 20% African American, 15% Hispanic and 5% Asian/American Indian
 - 50/50 Gender
 - Open House – November 7: Julie will be sending communication regarding this and asking for volunteers; will be hybrid this year, with some activities in classrooms and some in gym
- Co-Curricular and Faith Life Report** Bill Steller
- Retreats: Freshman and Kairos – 1st Kairos is November 9 (Oct 3 deadline to register); 2nd January 10 and 3rd March 2
 - Opening Mass – September 24 at 9:45 am
 - Athletic Update
 - Performing Arts Update and Fall Production
 - Club Day – Recap and highlight new clubs
- Administrative Report** Dan Garrick
- Principal’s Perspective – please see attached report
 - Items of Administrative Emphasis
 - Homecoming Report
 - COVID Updates – already appears that masks have helped keep numbers down; hopeful that there will be a statewide decline in mid-October to early-November
- Curriculum Report** Jim Jones
- Review of Student Support – reminder to take advantage of Writing and Math Labs during each period and Math Lab after school 3:15-4:15; students will develop a great skill to carry with them to college in seeking help and communicating with teachers; Also Soar program to monitor and assist students if failing 2 or more subjects after mid-term
 - Review AP Course and CCP offerings
 - Alternative test results 2021 – pleased that Iowa test results had no big Covid-related drop-offs; scores were very comparable to prior years; students did very well

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Accreditation Update

Rob Dvorak

- Policy and approach on student teachers – Look for potential candidates, potential credits for existing teachers and that existing teachers are not overloaded with student teachers
- '21-'22 Accreditation Process
- Dr. Frank Beikleman instructional audit – sitting in classrooms to provide very helpful advice to teachers

Advancement Report

Tim Jewett

- Stallion Way – expected to be completed this fall
- Forward with Faith – stallion cards as part of fundraiser
- Friends in the Courtyard for October 16 – looking forward to being in person again

Student Services Update

Katie Shelton

- Autumn Awards Presentation/Generosity Meets Gratitude – September 3, breakfast and gathering for scholarship benefactors and recipients and Christina Johns won the teacher award
- National Testing Day – October 13 – Seniors will have this day off for college visits
- 1st Alumni Professions Night (Business) – November 4 – seeking alumni and parents to present; not yet sure if Zoom or in person
- Wellness Night (Screenager film series) – November 18 – navigating technology responsibly

Closing Prayer and Adjourn

Dan Garrick

- Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 19th at 6:00 pm (SFD Cafeteria)
- October Topic – New SFD Grading Scale

**St. Francis DeSales H.S. Parents' Advisory Board
Principal's Report September 21, 2021**

**I. Administrative Report
A. Principal's Perspective**

Kudos to the following in our Community:

- **To the entire SFD community for a wonderful start to the 2021-22 school year and for the 60th Anniversary of the laying of the Schools Cornerstone (9/17/61)**
- **To Junior Richael Saka who was selected to be a member of the Columbus Youth Council**
- **To Seniors Lauren Afrifa and Sumon Estifanos who were recognized by the National African American Recognition Program of the College Board based on their efforts on the PSAT last October**
- **To Senior Victoria Asiedu who received a Scholarship in recognition of her participation in the Accounting Careers Awareness Program thru the Ohio Society of CPAs and The Ohio State University Fisher College of Business**
- **To the 2021 SFD Homecoming Court Grace Shaffer, Ty Neubert, Maggie Godfrey, Max Shulaw, Isabella Trosetel, Jon Maas, Nana Awuah, Emmanuel Hood, Kat Jolley, Chuck Keener, and Queen and King- Claire Baileys, Maddox Rickens**
- **To the SFD Freshmen SC Representatives: Stella Abad, Lawrence Afrifa, Leo Amalaman, Jack Barber, Shareef Conateh, Nana Diaby, Adam Faulkner, Elazar Hood, Maren Lilienthal, Sarah Neighbor, Eunice Out-Danquah, Michal Ann Ramirez, Jacob Reash, Lincoln Shulaw, Mimi Tesfay, Carter Ward, Daniel Williams**
- **To the SFD student body for their awesome Spirit and Enthusiasm that has been displayed at athletic events and Homecoming Festivities**
- **To the roughly 400 students who were recognized at the Autumn Awards Convocation on September 3rd**
- **To the Salesian Sisters of Saint John Bosco for the love , care and their Model of Faith since they have joined our community**
- **To the SFD Office of Campus Ministry for setting the tone for our faith community... the Prayer Services Associated with Senior Spirit Day, Freshmen Orientation, The 9/11 Observance, Friday Morning Masses, Adoration, The Freshmen Retreat**
- **To The SFD IA Team for their efforts with the Annual Stallion Golf Outing, Generosity Meets Gratitude Breakfast,**

Forward with Faith Fund Drive and Upcoming Friends in The Courtyard Event

- **To the SFD Guidance Department for their Zoom Presentations on the College Admissions Process (9/8) and Financial Aid 101 Presentation (9/14)**
- **To SFD Guidance Team for their organization and facilitation of the College Representatives Visits**
- **To the family of Lance Corporal Ryan Miller for their incredible efforts to fully endow the Miller Memorial Scholarship**
- **To the SFD community for the compassion and care demonstrated to those families who have suffered the death of loved ones to start our year**

B. Points of Administrative Emphasis

- **Faith Life: Prep of First All School Mass , Training of The E-Team; Kairos Prep, Participation in the Red Mass**
- **Curriculum- Midterm Week of Quarter 1; STREAM School Designation Discovery Efforts; Parent Teacher Conferences (10/6); PSAT and ACT PREP opportunities**
- **Student Services: School Psychologist/Counselor Continues; Prep for ACT Test 10/5; National Testing Day 10/13; SEL Planning- Wellness Night #1 Screenagers (11/18), Alumni Professions Night –Business (11/4)**
- **Strategic Planning and Advancement: Forward with Faith Drive; Friends of the CY Drive; Be The Light Campus Master Plan**
- **Student Life: Fall Sports; Youth Dance Camp, Fall Play Auditions for Clue (9/22)**
- **Enrollment Focus- Stallion for a Day Visits; Discovery Nights; 8th Grade Visits (10/15 & 10/22); Open House (11/7)**
- **Misc. COVID Vaccination Clinic (10/2 & 10/23), Stallion Way**

C. Calendar Highlights- Covered in Curriculum

- II. **Old Business- Nothing to Report at this time**
- III. **Questions/Concerns/Alumni and Current Student News...Board**
- IV. **Closing Prayer and Adjourn...Dan Garrick**
 - A. **October Topic: New SFD Grading Scale and Latin Honors Recognition**

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