

Parent Advisory Board Meeting 10/5/17

Present: Tracee Beck, Susan Connelly, Jason Cox, Brenda Fiegen, Jayne Gaspari, Erin Hericks, Veronica Houston, Kristin LeGrand, Joan Mahoney, Karen Mikuska, Kathryn Muller, Maria Neely, Kerry Olson, Michelle Pellman, Tom Polak, Kristin Ripperda, Connie Scott, Stephanie Spader, Matt Stork, Nancy Tapken-Mor, Mark Viehweg and Jackie Shotkoski

Guests: Tara Johanneson, Jennie Struck, Nicole Wellington & Steve Kueter

Freshman/Transfer/International Calls:

- ❖ All sheets were turned in to Mrs. Mahoney

8th Grade Calls:

- ❖ Jackie & Joan explained calling sheets
 - 🍁 Each packet consists of 23 to 25 families to be called
 - 🍁 The sheets paper clipped together are either students with two households or siblings
 - 🍁 Included in the agenda packet are the following guides: Script for calling your families, Top objections to Catholic schools & Tuition rates for present year
 - 🍁 The script includes upcoming events - 8th Grade Visit, Parent/Student Open House/Activity Fair, and Registration for Incoming Freshmen
- ❖ Jenni Struck / Admissions coordinator
 - 🍁 Financial Aid – process is on the website- application goes live in the spring – *deadline is April 15th – this is very important to stress to the parents*
 - Open up re-enrollment around conferences in February
 - Students have to be enrolled to be considered for financial aid
 - 🍁 Scholarships – listed as HS (9th through 12th), K-12 are listed as school, parish and activity
 - 🍁 Financial assistance is also available through SD Partners of Education
 - 🍁 1.4 million dollars gets awarded to students – the need is great
 - 🍁 Make sure to stress that they need to apply for scholarships/financial assistance/work study
 - 🍁 If they families would like a tour, please contact Jenni Struck or Joan Mahoney
 - 🍁 1 in 4 students participate in the work study program
 - 🍁 Question regarding if the TADs program can be more user friendly – the answer was no – we have to start fresh every year. Tell parents to have their prior year's income taxes in front of them when they start the application process in TADs.
 - 🍁 Any questions from these calls can be directed to Joan Mahoney 336-3644 or Jenni Struck 575-3358
 - 🍁 Please return call sheets to the Parent Advisory Board meeting in December

Parent / Teacher Conferences

- ❖ We have money left over from staff appreciation last May
- ❖ The schedule for fall conferences this year is 8 am to 7 pm
- ❖ The breaks have been shorted in the morning and the afternoon to 20 minutes for teachers. Lunch break is 1 ½ hours
- ❖ Revamped the email that goes out to all the parents regarding volunteers and donations
- ❖ Beverages and paper goods will be purchased by the school

- ❖ Plan meals for 75 people
- ❖ Flu shot clinic for students will be at OGHs Cafeteria from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm for children ages 3 to 18 – no flu mist will be available

Campus Ministry – Nicole Wellington

- ❖ What OG has available through Campus Ministry
 - ❖ Opportunities for Mass and prayer
 - ❖ Adoration times on Friday morning
 - ❖ Senior students do prayer and pledge to start off the day
 - ❖ Rosary
 - ❖ Catholic Culture – priests helping lead this
 - ❖ Guys and Girls Groups meet once a week
 - Jeff Baustian leads the guys' group
 - Trish Irvine leads the girls' group
 - ❖ Social media – asked students for every 10 pictures they share, that one is faith based
 - ❖ Core Team
 - Do something at school on a weekly basis
 - Study session prior to finals
 - Dig people out of their cars in the parking lots when it snows
 - Spiritual Adoption /Car Ribbons/March for Life
 - BDHH – Advent Project
 - Work with advisories – 40 advisories total
 - Decorate 200 stockings
 - Each advisory decorates 5 adult stockings and 1 child stocking
 - Each advisory also decorates a large box for large items

Tara Johanneson – I:1 Transition Committee Update

- ❖ 2015 – transitioned into Google Apps for Education School
- ❖ 1 to 1 Chrome book environment next fall
- ❖ Control those devices through Admin Council
- ❖ Transition team consists of Kyle Groos, Joan Mahoney, Brenda Mitzel, Alex Anderson, Tara Johanneson, Joe Hurley, Tony Decker, Kelly Brose & Heather Nohrenberg
- ❖ Infrastructure – have invested in this and feel ready for I:1.
- ❖ Currently we have 480 chrome books in the building
- ❖ Biggest concern is protecting the devices – still in the evaluation process for this
 - ❖ Exploring the option of an optional insurance
 - ❖ Value of the computer would be approximately \$250- \$300
 - ❖ Protection ideas
 - Sleeves, hard shell cases, bags, etc.
 - Probably going with a hard shell case to protect the device in the student's backpacks, especially on the corners.
- ❖ Monitoring and security system – Go Guardian, Mariachi and Lan School possible
- ❖ Professional Development – New ways for teachers to use device effectively –Parent Education: Possible boot camp for parents and students at beginning of school so everyone is on the same page.

- ❖ One teacher applied for a grant for virtual reality technology. Need 30 Smartphones preferable iPhones to use with the VR headsets. The teacher's goal is to take her class to the Holocaust Museum, etc.

Steve Kueter – National Anthem Discussion

- ❖ Informed coaches we will stand for the National Anthem

Individual Student Picture Posters - Goal Moving Forward

- ❖ Pictures on the fences outside will be allowed for seniors only on senior nights
- ❖ This is a parent run activity and OGHS will not be in charge of hanging these up or taking them down.
- ❖ Pictures must follow dress code guidelines for facial hair, tattoos, piercings, etc.

Comments/Questions/Concerns

- ❖ Student Directories are available on Infinite Campus
- ❖ German students are here for three weeks – largest exchange program in the state

Next Parent Advisory Board meeting is Thursday, November 2 at 11:30 am in the Administration office conference room