

Shrine Schools Unified School Board

Approved Minutes from September 6, 2016 (7:30pm to 9:00pm)

USB Members Present: Father Bob Fisher, Chair Chris Buchanan, Vice Chair Bill Connelly, K Moore, K Orvis, M Mio, M Zink, M Lampertius, V Flynn, and N True

Also in Attendance: Father Joe, Father Kevin, T Oppat, J Mio, M Alves, K Fotiu, L Rademacher, G Casada, and M Armstrong

1. Preschool Update: To accommodate the attendance of Gary Quesada, chair of the Shrine building committee, this agenda item was moved up. Bill Connelly and Gary updated the USB on proposed improvement to the preschool situation. Currently the best option appears to be an addition (modular) to the grade school building. An architect is developing size and orientation options for a 4 to 6 classroom addition. The report (including costs) is expected in a couple of weeks. K Fotiu noted that Shrine is currently the only school in the Vicariate that is unable to offer a full-time preschool experience for 4 year olds. With this addition, we may be able to offer full-time experiences for both 3 and 4 year olds. There was discussion on whether September 2017 was a reasonable target for opening Shrine's Early Childhood Center. If we go modular and all deadlines are met, it is possible. The USB expressed hope that the facility plans would be flexible, innovative, and attractive to young families. **The USB voted to support the following: replacement of current preschool facilities with new construction as the best option.**
2. New USB Format: Chair Chris Buchanan reviewed the plans for the 2016-2017 USB operation. He began by welcoming new USB member Natalie True. He then reviewed all of the committee assignments, meeting dates, and report submission process. With early submission of reports, USB will have time to work as a whole on the restructuring of the USB for 2017-2018 and beyond. Also, this year, the USB will publish approved meeting minutes in the Herald and on the web.
3. Development Update: Marty Alves reviewed the campaign status, including dealing with late/non payments. The alumni phase of campaign is slowing down, pending update of PR dvd with new school leaders. Dream Cruise events are still winding down. Marty noted the following upcoming events: S Club (former athletes, coaches, managers) meets on 9/30; annual sporting clay event is on 10/6; and, fun run and Hall of Fame dinner are on 10/15.
4. Enrollment Updates: Total school enrollment is 842. The grade school has 3 classes per grade. This year the grade school will have a counselor; she will work on individual accommodation plans, as well as in-class programs on topics like bullying and working together. There will be some evening family programming too.
 - a. 80% of SGS 6th graders transitioned to the Academy; 72% of 8th graders are now 9th graders. Meg Armstrong noted that the class of 2016 achieved 8.1 Million in scholarship dollars; this is a very large average per student. 16 new colleges/universities are visiting SHS this year. They are working on a job shadowing opportunity for students.
5. Marketing/CSM Update: Matt Mio reported that the committee is taking a 4 pillar marketing approach. They are working on an Academy "elevator speech". A lot of work is underway. CSM has completed their contract. An Enrollment Management Plan (EMP) is expected to be finalized shortly. The search for a marketing manager has narrowed to two candidates. They will be evaluated on their ability to do an assigned "task". A final decision is expected within a week.