

MINUTES

St. Damian School Advisory Board

Date | time September 12th, 2017 – 7PM | *Meeting called to order by* Kelly Farrell

Opening Comments

Board members completed opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Dr. Stockhausen, Fr. Trail, Kelly Farrell, Jill Stokes, Josh Deabel, Sandy Hoffman, Christina Lim, John Perales

Review of Minutes and Agenda

August Minutes and September Agenda Approved.

Parents and Guests Address the Board

There were no parents in attendance but the board received a letter from a parent. The letter is attached at the end of the minutes

Principle's Report

Dr. Stockhausen delivered her report:

- Total enrolled students for the year stands at 377.
 - Athletics usage in school is starting this week.
 - Standard based grading will begin for grades K thru 3.
 - STREAM classes are going well. Students are enjoying the class.
 - Mrs. McMahon is leading NJHS this year. GPA requirements have been aligned to standard of 3.5.
 - NJHS are working to raise canned goods and food
 - Student council raised \$1,000 for Hurricane Harvey support.
 - Dr. Stockhausen is creating leadership team to help support her during absence.
 - Parent Teacher Conferences Oct 5th
Professional Development on Oct 6th
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Pastor's Report

Fr. Joe was not in attendance but his report was delivered in writing. It is attached at the end of the minutes.

Committee Reports

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- Damian Mania (Jill)
 - As of this meeting we still have 3,000 tickets left beyond the mandatory tickets families must buy/sell.
 - Drawings are being done every Wednesday and posted on Facebook and the website.
 - Jill is planning to sell tickets before and after mass over the next few Sundays. She's looking for some help.
 - Discussed need to let people know how we're using the money raised.
- Damian DASH (Chris)
 - DASH Team is still seeking sponsors. Chris gave out a letter that can be used to talk with businesses about sponsorship.
 - Chris is asking for support to help her with DASH. Please reach out for details on how you might help.
 - Shirts will be orange with black lettering and the reverse for volunteers.
 - Josh mentioned the possibility of getting students more involved as in running together and creating awards based on grades or classes. Josh said he'd try and organize this for the DASH.
- Everyday fundraising (Kathleen)
 - Kathleen was not in attendance but she sent along the following:
 - Portillos will fundraising will be October 17th, 5 – 8PM
 - She's finalizing the full calendar
- Legislative (Josh)
 - Josh discussed new program passed by State of IL regarding the funding of scholarships. SB1947 that takes effect January 2018. (<https://legiscan.com/IL/bill/SB1947/2017>)
- Curriculum (all members)
 - Updates to the curriculum were discussed during the Principal's report. Specifically, initiation and inclusion of Mathletics, STREAM and STAR into the students' weekly schedules.
 - Dr. Stockhausen also received questions regarding weighting of grades and minimum number of grades per grading period. She will be addressing these items outside of board meeting and report on her answers.

Old Business

N/A

New Business

N/A

Closing Comments

Next Meeting Date Tuesday October 10th, 2017 in the school library

Closing Prayer by board. Meeting adjourned 8:40PM

Pastor Report

School Advisory Board Meeting for 9-12-2017

- 1) New Hallway is completely paid for! **The Raffle was a success.** We sold 1718 of the 2000 tickets. After prizes and expenses this paid for the entire original project costs. We did add to the original project work on Rooms 109-110 (new floor, ceiling, LED lights) and new LED lights and motion detectors in all the school and Church bathrooms. The extra costs were covered by both the raffle and \$8000 from our Capitol Project budget. THANK YOU all for participating.
- 2) We welcomed Mundelein Seminarian Martin Marulanda on Sunday, September 3. Martin will be helping Connie Swidergal with Youth Ministry while attending Sunday Masses this fall and winter. In February, Martin will be moving in to be full time intern for the spring until May.
- 3) CRHP – Christ Renews His Parish retreat for women takes place this Saturday and half of Sunday. This is a fabulous opportunity to break away for 36 hours with the Lord. PLEASE-PLEASE-PLEASE consider signing up and share this opportunity with many women!
- 4) On Monday, September 18 at 6:45 pm will be our Confirmation Parent Meeting in the Church. This is a meeting for all 8th grade parents and their 8th grade students. Fr. Joe Noonan and Mary Jo Landuyt will be leading this meeting.
- 5) Friday, October 13, 2017 is the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of our Blessed Mother (and miracle of the sun) at Fatima, Portugal. The school will celebrate with its school mass moved to this date (from the normal Wednesday time).
- 6) Saturday, October 14 is the **Oak Forest Community Expo** from 9 am to 1 pm at Arbor Park School. The school and parish will have tables as in year's past. Fr. Joe will be there to help set up and stay until 1 pm. The Parish Council will help to man the table as in year's past.
- 7) Our big parish push for this year is to have our parishioners come to our parish mission. The speaker will be Fr. Dom Grossi, a published author and excellent, entertaining speaker. The mission will take place on Mon-Wed, Oct 23-25 at 7 pm in the Church. PLEASE plan on attending. PLEASE invite a neighbor, family member and / or friend especially those who have been away from the practice of their faith. This will be an excellent mission.

September 12, 2017

Dear Dr. Stockhausen, Fr. Noonan, and School board members:

I would most sincerely like to say Thank You for your most diligent efforts to recruiting the Junior High faculty for our children. I believe the changes our school has made will better prepare our children for future success with their studies. I believe their more rigorous endeavors will best prepare them to score well on standardized tests and possibly achieve merit and scholarship aid for their efforts.

I have been most impressed with the current transition to Junior High for my child. I cannot emphasize enough how in 3 weeks the students have fully emerged into their studies.

Miss Thuot has the students working on a detailed time line in social studies, which involved the students calculating dates and converting them into inches on a time line and creating index cards to describe each time period. This is a very neat project, which has the children using multiple learning techniques: internet research on Ipads, math skills for time conversions, and sketching index cards in groups. Also, she has taught the students to take their own notes in a style that encourages them to reflect and summarizes what they have learned.

Mr. Postiglione has brought our math lessons to a challenging and exciting new level. In the past, the students spent many minutes of their day on math, but moved at a slow pace. My child was frequently bored in his favorite student. I am so excited for the kids to exceed in math. I am most thankful Mr. Postiglione has joined our staff. He has most kindly offered tutoring since the first day. He incorporates real life math word problems to challenge our children. He has them note taking and organizing their work in binders. He pushes the children to

correct their mistakes as an assignment; emphasizing his desire for the students to master their work.

Mr. Mottier already has the students reading and critically reviewing their first novel. He has incorporated cursive handwriting on every assignment. He has the students organized on their vocabulary lessons. He is pushing the students to be independent learners.

Mrs. Jones has gotten into the new science book and pushing the kids to look at real life occurrences such as the recent hurricanes; which gives the kid's pertinent daily knowledge and adds to our daily conversations. She plans to have the children do a research project and science fair presentation this year.

Mrs. Werr has been busy teaching the children their prayers in Spanish and has quizzed them on new vocabulary. The students are exciting to be learning a new language.

Mrs. McMahon has the children participating in independent prayer services and already covered Chapter one and given the children their first quiz. The students are already instructed to begin their service hours also.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication in choosing the faculty that will bring our students to the next level and rise as the future men and women doing Christ's work.