



December 19th, 2023 | 6:00 PM | St. John Paul II Catholic Academy Library

### **Academy Advisory Council Summary of Decisions**

Opening Prayer at 6:18 pm by Father Joseph Boakye

**Roll Call:** Michael Muhs, Father Joseph Boakye, Deb Chaltry, Suzy Ostrenga, Father Abraham Mupparathara, Sue Ellie, Bill Swan

**Excused:** Thomas Ripplinger

**Absent:** Pete Mayhew, Deacon Chuck Gervasio

**ExOfficio/Visitors:** Sara Staszak, Stacey Schraub, Sarah Windbiel

- Penny Drive: Focus was to replace the paid N.U.T. Passes we had in the past. Proceeds will benefit classroom funds. Raised a little over \$1,400. 6th grade was the winning class, who received an ice cream social.
- Spring Auction: Date has been moved. Fr. Joseph was at the meeting where that was decided. The initial consideration was to hold the event on a Saturday, but certain things relating to mass, venue, etc. were not a good fit. Fr. advocated for a Friday, as well, and May 3rd was selected.
- Christmas Play, Program, Reception: Will be held on December 20th. A Fairy Tale Christmas Carol (presented by the Drama Club and Junior High students) begins at 12:20. The musical performance, People, Look East, performed by 4K - 5th Grade to follow. The program will wrap up at 2:30; when kids will go back to their classrooms. Parents can pick up from classrooms early; Home & School is sponsoring a reception after the program with cookies and hot chocolate; Santa will be here, and Melissa Kowalski Photography will be taking pictures of that.
- Athletic Club:
  - Working with Suzy on a grant for next year that would fund equipment, coach incentives, etc.
  - Athletics will be doing a fundraiser with Culver's on January 17th from 5-8pm. A percentage of profits from that time will be donated to the JP II Athletics Club. Culver's requires us to bring at least 4 volunteers to help bus tables and run food out during the fundraiser.
- Open House: Per Mike, we need to set a date for open enrollment. In the past, it has been the first Thursday of March - this year he would like to change the date to

February 29th because it's a leap year. We could take advantage and host a Leap Year-themed open house. This is when registration would be open to new families.

- Mike asked for a motion to schedule Open House for Thursday, February 29th (time TBD by Mike and faculty). Sue motions, Deb seconds. All in favor, no oppositions - motion carries.
- Home & School:
  - The Vice President position is open.
  - Home & School is sponsoring a reception after the Christmas Program, and will help defray the cost of some of the paid CSW events.
- Marketing & Development: We are focusing on building relationships and retaining preschool families. The big focus is to strengthen connections and build community.
- iGiveCatholic Pledge Drive: Raised over \$13,000, and donations are still coming through PayPal.
- Catholic Schools Week:
  - January 28th we will be hosting a Parish Appreciation Breakfast at Resurrection.
  - Event planning is underway. Not going to finalize and publicize until bussing is secured. Will share specific plans as soon as they are locked in.