



Mother of Good Counsel School

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School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 2, 2024 (Math Room)

In Attendance: Fr. Reed, Michelle Hagen, Tony Dompke, Dan Scholz, Anthony Makovec, Rolanda Makovec, Luke Feudner Excused: Erica Byfield

Meeting began with a prayer by Fr. Reed

Review of November Meeting Minutes: Minutes were approved as submitted.

Pastor's Report:

- There's enthusiasm for MGC's 99th anniversary celebration on Sunday, December 8th with student participation and will include hymns, hot cocoa, cake, and Santa.
- The Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Director of Stewardship will be coming to an upcoming pastoral council meeting to help increase stewardship.

Principal's Report:

- Enrollment is currently at 168 with interest from 4 others for the upcoming semester. A total of 172 would be slightly below the budget of 175 students.
- The school counselor resigned for another opportunity but will continue to support the Extended Care Program (ECP).
- Students will sing songs for MGC's 99th anniversary/Christmas celebration, which will include Silent Night with verses in both Spanish and English.
- Athletics will have updated bylaws (circulated in meeting). They were revised by Fr. Reed, Principal Michelle, and Athletic Director Carden and had consultation from the SAC's Athletics liaison and Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Associate Superintendent of Schools. Changes include Athletics running under the SAC through the school, updated responsibilities for the Athletic Director, and adjustments to the grievance procedure to allow counsel with the principal and/or pastor before going to the Board.
- The application process for the FEMA grant is planned to be completed Thursday, Dec 5th. Fr. Reed already signed the letter of engagement. There will be a subsequent assessment that requires a walk-through.
- There are still plans for a new MGC sign. The Catholic Schools Walk raised \$2,600, and some portion of that will be matched by the Archdiocese. Proceeds are planned to be added to a grant of \$10,000 for the sign. Sign prices will be honored through December from a local company who came in at a lower cost and better service than the original quote.
- A school report card presentation was given. The school report card is posted on MGC's website (<https://www.mgcp parish.org/school-news>). The reporting methodology changed so year-over-year comparisons are not equivalent. Key highlights include:
 - MGC had a rating of "Exceeds Expectations" with an overall score of 80.1, which is near the threshold of 83.0 for "Significantly Exceeds Expectations".
 - 79.1% of the student population is "Economically Disadvantaged".

- MGC scores well below the state average in Achievement scores for Math (28.4 vs. 60.1). However, MGC's Growth scores for Math surpasses the state average (77.4 vs. 66.0) demonstrating improvement.
- MGC scored exceptionally well in its Growth score for English Language Arts with a score of 100.0 compared to the state average of 66.0.
- MGC scored well (79.5) in its Target Group Outcomes, which measures outcomes for students with the lowest test scores. This ranks the same or higher than 77.3% of K-8 schools in the state.
- There is room to improve chronic absenteeism, which is a measure of students who missed more than 10% of the school days – or roughly 2 days per month. MGC's score of 63.3 was below the state average of 74.2 where the score is 100 minus the chronic absenteeism rate.

Other New Business:

- Tony Dompke is now an admin for the website. There is a plan to update/refresh the website. MGC is on a list to get the next tier of services through LPi who handles liturgical publications and resources. Updates to include a visual and layout refresh for ease of navigation in addition to ease of administration behind the scenes. It's planned for the school to have its own website (with links connecting it with the parish), which came highly recommended from research promoting Catholic Schools.
- The January School Advisory Committee meeting is being rescheduled to Tuesday, January 21st at 6pm as Tuesday, January 14th is the day the new Archbishop is being installed.

Meeting closed with a prayer from Tony Dompke.