



School Council Meeting Summary February 23, 2015

Prayer/Reflection

Sr. Clara Fehringer

January Financials

Stephen Clements

- Stephen Clements handed out the budget in a new format
- Note that parish support is being adjusted on an accrual basis (formerly done as cash).
- Stephen suggested that the format and the budget should reflect the \$500k going towards the principal on the debt, not as it is presented now

2015/16 Budget

Jeanne Miller

- The tuition recommended by the Council was approved by Deacon Wakefield
- The tuition recommended is 5% increase K-8, 10% for non-Catholics, and 2% increase for PK
- Aftercare tuition will be raised \$360 as well
- Finance Council will meet again to examine the budget before finalized, but it is very close
- The current draft shows positive \$70K
- \$400K in fundraising will be needed to reach the proposed budget
- Every ten new students over the budget of 345 (K-8) takes \$50K off the fundraising budget
- The first quarter of the Kroger Card payments to the school were up from last year, which is good since Kroger is doing their give back program differently than before

Mardi Gras 2015-Short Debrief/Feedback

- 415 tickets sold to Mardi Gras
- Money is still coming in so the total raised has not been finalized
- This was the first year attempt at on-line bidding/bidding using smart phones
- Friday to Saturday afternoon before the event there was already \$4,000 in bids on-line
- Suggestions for improvements included, better cellular coverage, printed silent auction catalogues for each guest, teacher wish list items that parents could make donations towards rather than actually making a purchase
- Lesley Farmer suggested that donations in general should have transpired as part of event. If a guest had a budget of \$200 to spend at Mardi Gras but didn't win an item they wanted, they could donate that amount as mentally/subconsciously it was already being spent at the event anyhow.

Town Hall Meeting

Chris Thiel/Jeanne Miller

- Chris and Jeanne have mapped out the structure of the Town Hall Meeting on March 12, at 6 pm.
- Open with a video, success stories from the year, introduce council, the true cost of educating one child at SPPS, the gap between tuition and true cost, SPPS teachers average "X" % of Fayette County teachers and have gone "X" years without raises, present new tuition for 2015-2016, explain what the funds are being used for, explain the "Fill the Seats" campaign, Endow the Future, planned and structured giving, and a Q & A session
- A "dry run" of the meeting was suggested by several council members
- Break down tuition into \$ amounts versus percents of increase, makes it more palatable
- Use school comparisons as part of the presentation as Stephen Clements did for the Council at prior meetings. Not by name but referencing School A, B, C

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Next SPPS Council Meeting: March 23, 2015 6:00 pm