

## **Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – August 28**

### **I. Opening**

- ~Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM.
- ~Father led with prayer.
- ~Attendance: All members present except Amy Uptigrove and Brian Spears.

### **II. Previous minutes (June 19 & August 4 special meeting):**

- ~Copies unavailable during meeting.
- ~Principal will send via email for approval and upload to Google Drive.

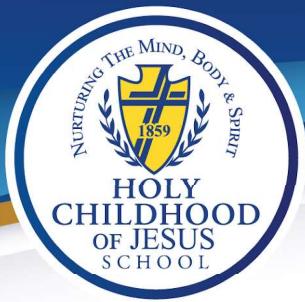
### **III. Principal's Report**

#### **A) School Year Start**

- ~Smooth beginning to the year.
- ~No issues with schedules and missing textbooks.
- ~Staff commended for flexibility.

#### **B) Funding Updates**

- ~Title Funding:
  - ~\$5,000 reduction from last year.
  - ~Still sufficient for professional development & materials.
- ~ECCA Grant Fund:
  - \*Federal program replacing Empower.
  - \*Unlikely to be approved in Illinois due to state/union politics.
  - \*Endowment Committee continues to support scholarships.



### C) Diocesan Directives

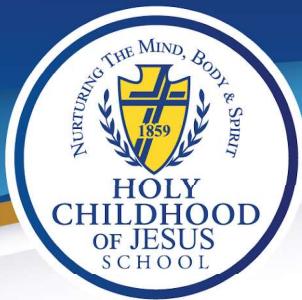
- ~Advisory body is "Advisory Council," not "School Board."
- ~Council notes will reflect this title.
- ~GCN Trainings: Required annually for staff & volunteers (e.g., bloodborne pathogens, harassment, concussion, etc.).

### D Enrollment

- ~Current: 191 students.
- ~Pre-K (age 4): 33 students.
- ~Goal: Maintain 200+ enrollment long-term.
  - \*Strong reputation for Pre-K program.

### E) Safety

- ~Annual drill week completed: Earthquake, Tornado, Fire (w/wo fire dept).
- ~Increased emphasis after recent national tragedy.
- ~Ongoing work with ALICE / Run-Hide-Fight training.
- ~Safety equipment: Protective glass film on front doors.
- ~Parents encouraged to discuss safety with children at home.
- ~Clarification: Illinois law prohibits guns in both school and church buildings.



## F) Academic Programs

- ~IXL Incentives: Restarting next week.

## G) Faith Formation:

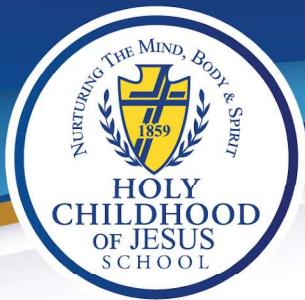
- ~Saints Week next week (activities led by Ronna Beck).
- ~Celebration of Carlo Acutis canonization Sept. 7.
- ~Sock & underwear drive for St. Vincent de Paul.
- ~Principal's Retreat: Sept. 14–15.

## H) Curriculum:

- ~New reading curriculum (K–5) continuing for another year.
- ~Math curriculum review begins this year.
- ~Testing: Last year using Iowa Tests (to be replaced by Renaissance testing).
- ~Renaissance already in use 3x/year.

## I) Extracurriculars

- ~Band Program: Interest exists but small; gradual rebuild.
- ~Thursday Clubs: Sports, Chess, Legos, Gardening, Advanced Art.
- ~Possible expansion to younger grades if more volunteers available.



## J) Staffing

### ~New Positions:

- \*Maintenance & Custodian (Caleb Spears & Alex managing schedule).
- \*Lunch/Recess Supervisor hired.
- \*Evening custodial work adjusted; bathrooms prioritized.

## K) Technology

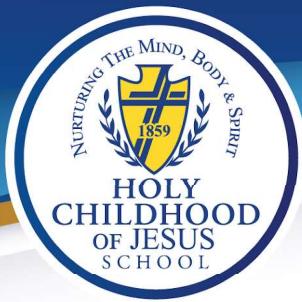
- ~Teacher laptops needed (not covered by Title funds).
- ~Proposal: Fund-a-Need campaign to replace laptops gradually.
- ~6th grade laptops continue to be renewed annually.

## L) Facilities

- ~Windows & Water Issues: Pre-K room paint bubbling, likely water intrusion.
- ~Awaiting J&R inspection for split units & drainage issues.
- ~HVAC equipment maintained and updated.
- ~Pest control contract initiated (short-term, then in-house management).

## M) Budget/Finance

- ~Monthly budget reports will be shared with Advisory Council.
- ~Parish Finance Council now oversees budget (since Father Nick).



~Possible revival of Annual Fund / Alumni Relations Committee (with Debbie Bunn's help).

#### N) Events & Activities

~School Picnic: Successful; thanks to Brennan family & volunteers.

~Family Nights:

\*Popular last year (movie night, adoration, etc.).

\*First movie night scheduled for Oct. 3.

\*Apache Golf Open: Sept. 6 (sold out).

\*School Dinner Auction: Windows project will be key fundraising focus.

#### IV. Advisory Council Business

A)Currently short one member (Ms. LB resigned).

~Encouraging community members to join.

~Council's role: provide feedback, accountability, and support for principal.

#### V. Closing

Next meeting: Sept. 18 at 6:30 PM (Parish Center).

Closing prayer by Dan.