



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.

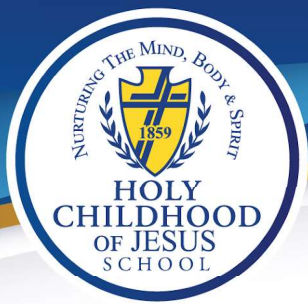
III. Principal's Report

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

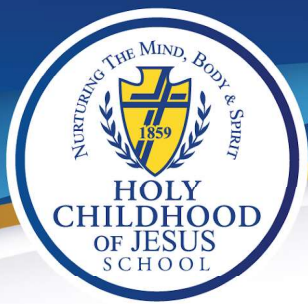
- ~Advisory body is “Advisory Council,” not “School Board.”
- ~Council notes will reflect this title.
- ~GCN Trainings: Required annually for staff & volunteers (e.g., bloodborne pathogens, harassment, concussion, etc.).

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).

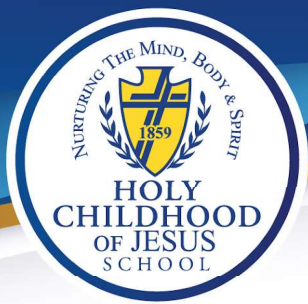
~Renaissance already in use 3x/year.

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

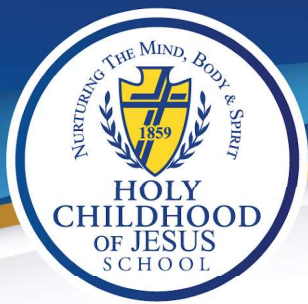
- ~Teacher laptops needed (not covered by Title funds).
- ~Proposal: Fund-a-Need campaign to replace laptops gradually.
- ~6th grade laptops continue to be renewed annually.

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.