

SMCS Board of Trustees President's Report August 15, 2018

President & Leadership Team Key Points of Focus for Month

- The leadership team selected the theme of *Discipleship Let's Make a Difference!* for 2018-19.
- Various orientations and retreats scheduled during August have involved many hours of planning and engagement.
- High school commons upgrade project is on target for the first day of school with an August 28 "reveal".
- Our intent to apply for the DOJ School Safety Round 2 grant has been filed.
- The August WCPC year end (June 30) audit was conducted last week.
- Staffing continues to be top priority; a few positions are still in the search/selection process.
- Those administrators and staff new to SMCS or transferring to a new assignment at SMCS are getting orientated to the system, schools, departments, and team members.

Professional Development

The leadership team kick-off retreat was held today. Playing off of "The Energy Bus" book, team members engaged in various activities that promoted team building and care for the many groups that we are here to serve. A session on being called to social justice as Catholics was explored. All activities supported our journey of *Discipleship – Let's Make a Difference!*

HR/Staffing

A great deal of activity taking place related to staffing changes for next year:

Transferring/Changes

- Peter Post HS Associate Principal
- Becky Thone SG PK teacher

Hired

- Sandra Piotrowski SM Principal
- Joe Roth HS/MS Director of Buildings and Grounds
- Lisa Van Camp returning as HS Learning Specialist
- Keith Dolan substitute teacher
- Kelly Haber SMM teacher
- Miranda Nikolai returning SMM teacher
- Ashley Lunty MS teacher
- Sarah Graper Director of Development
- Michelle Lepak SG P3 teacher
- Marcia Piette HS/MS Counselor
- Ashley Korn HS teacher (health/phy ed)
- Mary Shandonay SMM Administrative Assistant

Leaving

- Heather Frommell
- Cathy Solowicz
- Amy Sampe
- Kerri Calmes

Current Openings

- PK teacher SMM
- P3 aide SG
- After School Care Provider SM
- Senior Accountant SMCS

Business Services/Finance/Technology

- On-site final audit visit completed last week; awaiting auditor adjustments prior to closing 2017-18 fiscal year
- Subsidy planning meetings with Charlene Brumbeloe continue with pastoral leaders and parish business managers.
- Technology: All 800 system laptops completed summer re-imaging and necessary repairs

Admissions

- **Enrollment** for **2018-19** is at **845** as of August 13th. Preschool and Pre-K still expected to rise with tours scheduled. Typically there are some variations with enrollment counts between now and mid-September in the K-12 grades.
- The STS international student program is experiencing a downturn in the number of students overall at all high schools. SMCS has been granted 8 STS students, four students short of our goal of 12 students. Chinese families are trending toward sending their children to schools in Canada for reasons not clear, but cost and cultural climate may be factors.

Fund Development & Alumni Relations

Annual Fund:

- The 2017-18 Annual Fund generated \$187,991 in income highest amount ever!
- The 2018-19 Annual Fund theme has been developed with collateral material being printed. SMCS employee pledge cards will be distributed at the August 21 all-staff meeting and mailed to the community mid-September.

Fundraising/Community Events:

- Connect 5 is planned for September 22 and sponsorships have been secured. New this year will be a spiritual walk through our recently "refreshed" Jane's Woods. Proceeds support the athletic, activities, and fine arts programs, as well as our technology initiatives.
- SMCS will be at the Menasha Twisted Piston community event on Thursday, August 16, and at the Neenah Make it in the Market on Saturday, August 25. Arts and craft activities and games for families, along with small prizes and SMCS promotional information are provided to attendees.

SMCS Foundation:

- Creation of the SMCS Foundation continues with the Diocese involved in the legal filing.
- Potential SMCS Foundation board members have been confirmed.
- The structure of the Zephyrs Legacy Circle has been re-aligned to support the new SMCS Foundation.