



SMCS Board of Trustees President's Report for March 20, 2019

Professional Development

- On March 22, all teachers and building administrators will participate in the first of two Trauma Informed Care trainings. The second half of the "First Aid for Mental Health Issues" will be held on April 23. Funding will come from new Title funds through Neenah Joint School District. Patti Fouts has arranged the presenters and is organizing the groupings.

Curriculum

- At their February meeting, the principals reviewed a curricular rotation for materials in all subject areas. It addresses most pressing needs while still being mindful of the impact to the teachers and students as new curriculum is implemented.
- A draft handout using the core curriculum benchmarks has been mocked up for review.
- The Aquinas Program completed testing of potential students and results are being evaluated by the review team this week.

Fine Arts

- *Sister Act* completed its performance run amid mixed feedback. The quality of the performance has received outstanding reviews while the content has received a mixture of positive reviews combined with some concerns. All feedback is being taken into consideration and will help set parameters for future shows.
- Teachers from SMCS will be participating in Arts Core next school year. Hayden Krause has collected nominated teachers' names from the principals. This program develops art integration themes into cross-curricular subject areas and is grant funded.

Admissions

- 2019-2020 Registration/Enrollment
 - Principals and staff continue to follow-up with families not registered/undecided.
 - Enrollment numbers for 2019-20 will be presented in a separate report to the Board
- Final Four Party
 - April 6 – times TBD
 - 7-12 grade students and friends invited to watch the games in the high school commons, open gym, food/drinks, games/prizes
 - SMCS, Holy Spirit and St. Mary Greenville 7th-8th grade students invited
- 7th and 8th grade SMCMS students were sent (March 18) a survey regarding high school choice:
 - Favorite things about attending SMCMS
 - Where they plan to attend high school
 - Why they made that choice
 - Who is the decision maker(s) for high school choice
- Summer Programs 2019
 - Flyers and info sheets have been distributed and promoted via social media
 - SMCS schools, partner schools, Go Valley Kids, Greater Valley Guide, parish bulletins (coming soon)

- Aquinas testing March 12-14 at St. Mary Elementary
 - 21 children signed up for testing
- 2019-2020 Affordable Tuition
 - Drop-In Session – Tuesday, February 26: assistance with WPCP, tuition assistance applications, SCRIP, registration; 4 families attended despite snowstorm
- Recruitment Committee, Marketing Committee, and Community & Continuity Committee
 - Continued work
- Play Lab – new early childhood recruitment program launched in January continues to be going well, 3-14 children have attended each session
- Fitness Center
 - Incentive program for HS students from February 25-March 21 to use the fitness center during open hours. VERY successful – highest consistent usage to date. Increased family use on Saturdays!
 - 5th grade students invited to use the fitness center during spring break
- STEM Saturday – March 15
 - Turnout of approximately 150 with very positive feedback on the experience

HR Staffing/Safety/Communications

Hired (updates since February Board meeting)

- Brianna Schulz-After School Care Provider at SG
- For Summer Day Camp
 - Director: Katie Weber
 - Supervisors: Sue Coenen, Mary Shandonay
 - Counselors: Emily Peters, Isabel Taubel, Keira Bittner, Alicia Thone, Fatima Muniz, Kaley Keddell, Terri Boccheciamp

Current Openings

- Summer Day Camp Counselors
- After School Care Provider at SMM
- Conducting interviews for varsity football
- Will start new search for Director of Business Services

Contracts

- Administrator contracts were prepared and distributed to meet the March 15 deadline. Work is in process on determining staffing for teachers.

Safety/Wellness

- Working on Emergency Preparedness Binder looking to be done by end of May
- Biometric screenings are scheduled for May
- Fitness center "Spring into Fitness" challenge introduced for teachers and staff (April 1-May 15)

Website Update

- New site went live on 3/11/19. Some linked PDF's did not come over in migration so we are working on fixing those links. New site has been significantly reduced in size with more manageable navigation.

Exciting News

- HS summer on-line class offerings – over 50 students registered
- Introducing Full Day 4K for 2019-20
- Anna Little wins Kohl Scholarship!
- Nick Purcell wins State Powerlifting!
- HS Robotics Teams 1200A and 1200Z qualified for VEX Worlds in Louisville!
- Vex IQ Robotics Middle School program qualified two teams for the World Competition!
 - Note: There were six spots available at each level for Worlds from the State of Wisconsin; SMCS captured two of them at the High School level and two at the Middle School level.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

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| • Spring Break | March 23-31 |
| • HS Chapel Mass (7:15 a.m.) & Adoration | April 5 |
| • MS Musical- <i>James and the Giant Peach</i> | April 11, 12 & 14 |
| • Zephyrfest | April 13 |
| • SMCS Spring Art Show Starts | April 15 |

Business Services: Finance/Technology/Food Service

Technology

- Pat Hickey and Jeanne Lee met with BOT Technology Committee (Phil K, Brian R, Ron S) to discuss goals
- Research being done for next laptop model for freshman class and other inventory needs
- Website support provided for access to our network
- Reviewing server software enhancements for upgrades to improve data transfers between current virtual servers

Finance

- Finalizing reports for Winter Escape and Wines Around the World; wrap up meetings and database reconciliation underway
- Spirit Stop – software for credit card and inventory management implemented; early indications are very positive
- Several Workers' Comp cases filed with slippery walkways; one on-going but relatively manageable
- Snow plowing costs have doubled due to severe winter weather conditions
- Great Plains consultant began preparations for second company for SMCS Foundation
- Received DPI certification that our WPCP September 2018 Enrollment audit was in compliance
- Preparations for annual Board of Directors meeting continuing
- Working with GB Diocese on request for proposal for one audit firm to prepare all Financial and School Choice Audits. Interviewed four firms. Selection next week and then the work begins!

Scrip

- Spanish classes closed Scrip promotion for Dominican Republic service trip this summer; early reports indicated nearly 100 sales made by young travelers hoping to raise \$2,000
- Kwik Trip local sale of 15% rebate began March 1 and continuing through most of April

Fund Development/Events

Annual Fund

- Raised \$135,003 toward \$200,000 goal. Received 540 donations thus far, compared to 483 donations to date last year; last year to date we were at \$149,402, so trailing about \$14,400.
 - Calls were made to donors that had donated last year but not yet this year, resulting in a 21% return in donations coming in after those calls made
 - A second Annual Fund letter request was mailed March 15th to alumni and past contributors

Winter Escape - St. Mary Elementary: Event net income is \$29,556

Wines Around The World - St. Margaret Mary: Event net income of \$39,394

Zephyrfest 4.13.19: *"The Greatest Show In The Valley" – Vintage Circus*

- *March updates:* Press releases distributed; information shared with parishes and SMCS newsletters for publication; dates are being set for the Key Club car raffle- car to be parked at the parishes and schools; constant contact e-mails featuring live auction, raffles, and silent auction.

Grants

- We are in need of a \$20,000 for our Lucy Calkins/Literacy program. Local grant applications requesting \$5,000 were submitted to four Walmarts along with a company request to Great Northern Corporation asking for their support. Notification of awards will be made by April 15th. Sarah is seeking out detailed needs of the schools to identify which additional grants to pursue.

SMCS Foundation

- The Gift Acceptance Policy was reviewed by the Foundation Board at the March 11th meeting.

Alumni

- Still looking for nominations for the SMCHS SPIRIT Volunteer Service award and the Honorary Alumnus designation.