

# **Carencro Catholic School**

## **Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

### **February 21, 2018**

**Members Present:** Fr. Mark Ledoux, Pastor  
Andre' Angelle, Principal  
Bob Simpson, Board Chairman  
Jennifer Abrams, Board Co-Chairman  
Paula Fredrick, Development Coordinator  
Tricia Menard  
Dwayne Arceneaux  
Jason Guidry

**Members Absent:** Rebecca Bonvillain  
Tara Primeaux

**The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM.**

- I. Opening Prayer** – Led by Father Ledoux.
- II. Approval of Minutes** –The minutes were reviewed by the council. Bob Simpson motion to approve the minutes and Jason Guidry seconded the motion to approve the December 21, 2017 meeting of the CCS Advisory Council. Motion passed.
- III. Old Business** –
  - A. Athletic Booster Club Proposal by parent (James Landry)
    - i. Create independent athletic booster club to generate income and govern athletic programs
    - ii. Goals: CCS athletics become more competitive; increase enrollment; attract/retain higher quality coaches; supplement existing athletic programs by providing students with special touches (new uniforms, buses, fields, etc.)
    - iii. Discussion Points - Pros/Cons
      - a. Need to research LHSAA governance/guidelines.
      - b. Andre' contacted dioceses and their recommendation was to keep monies on school books for tax purposes.
      - c. The amount of money to be raised was not scoped.
      - d. Do other Catholic schools have booster clubs?
      - e. Father concerned about oversaturated fundraising.
      - f. He doesn't want us to lose sight of our faith priority as a Catholic institution.
      - g. Several parents voiced concerns regarding CCS lack of competitiveness to other schools.
        - i. Other Catholic schools feeding to Teurlings Catholic HS- Get our kids the skills to be able to confidently participate in athletic programs at TCH

- ii. LCA's Athletic Program -Fr. doesn't feel they are a competitor; if families are leaving to LCA they are leaving their Catholic faith
    - h. Father feels existing athletic board can start making improvements now even though a booster club doesn't exist.
    - i. Provide help to Tori to get organized and better manage sports.
  - iv. Action Items from Father
    - a. Athletic board: Identify priority list of issues and with realistic solutions. Email the priority list to Father and Andre'.
    - b. Booster Club funding: Reach out to other Athletic Club directors and ask for recommendations and what is working for them.
    - c. Outreach to 5 schools with emphasis on elementary /junior high athletic programs - what can they share with us?
    - d. Present questions in parent survey.
- B. Update on online re-enrollment- There are 225 re-enrolled, of those 167 paid.
  - i. David Thibodeaux STEM is doing a second round of acceptance.
  - ii. Two students left the school since the last AC Meeting and an exit survey was sent.
  - iii. 294 students currently enrolled.
  - iv. Pop Into Pre-K has had a successful start with several visits.
- C. UL Strategic Plan
  - i. Jason asked a question, how do parents know what Advisory Council is doing?
  - ii. Consider publishing AC minutes but getting minutes submitted, reviewed and approved in a timely manner is an ongoing issue.
  - iii. Father mentioned at his previous school posting on the school website was helpful in communicating with parents.
  - iv. Andre' is working on creating a pamphlet for prospects and marketing.
- D. Parent Survey
  - i. The parent survey will be sent April 10<sup>th</sup> to all parents of currently enrolled students.
  - ii. We will discuss the responses at the next AC meeting April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**V. New Business –**

**VI. Committee Reports**

- a. Finance- No report
- b. Policy- No report
- c. Facility- New parking lot cones purchased and repairs to the chapel entrance flooring
- d. Development-Billboard purchase in progress- 1 new student enrolled pays for the cost, Fete prize- Jason brought up concern from parents inquiring about tuition credit grand prize and it was noted that the school will help the winner sell the credit or it can be donated to the school for a tax credit
- e. Curriculum
- f. Technology
- g. Religion- Tricia mentioned Ms. Gary and Ms. O'Chery collected cancer caring bags was a touching effort

**VII. Members Input-None**

- VIII. **Chairperson's Report**-Enjoyed seeing picture of Carencro Catholic School in the Diocesan magazine, also enjoyed hearing Mya Arceneaux sing at St. Peter's 5:30 mass
- IX. **Pastor's Report**- Father was moved to write a letter to the parents of CCS after several parents approached him with concerns of CCS closing. He included great information which included a list of the improvements made over the last several years and ensured parents the church is investing in CCS and not looking at any foreseeable closure.
- X. **Principal's Report**-None
- XI. **Closing Prayer**- Led by Father Ledoux
- XII. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM