

Our Lady of the Prairie
School Advisory Board Minutes
TUESDAY, September 26, 2023

School Advisory Members present:

Sheila Hendricks, Kim Baltus, Loni Scheff, Ashley Simons

Absent: Father Kaluza, Jason Palo, Matt Offerdahl

1. Opening Prayer led by Sheila
2. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with the reading of the OLP School Mission Statement by present members
3. Approval of July Meeting minutes
4. Elected Officers for School Advisory Council
 - a. Loni Scheff-President
 - b. Kim Baltus-Vice President
 - c. Ashley Simons-Secretary
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Marketing-Ashley
 - i. Discussed the CSCOE grant opportunity.
 - ii. We hope to focus on retention and new enrollments
 - iii. We will have several community outreach events next summer to reach potential new families and keep current families connected.
 - iv. We hope to hire a photographer and videographer for new photos and video to be used for website and other platforms
 - b. Long-Range -Kim
 - i. Discussed 2024-25 Tuition increase of \$100
 - ii. Discussed changes to the upcoming prayer marathon and reviewed the working document that will be sent to families on September 29.
 1. Marathon will run September 29-October 18th
 2. Kick off marathon on Friday, Sept 29th with an all school assembly
 3. Set weekly goals for amounts raised
 4. Asked each SAC member to reach out to 1 or 2 businesses to see if they'd be matching sponsors for donations raised. Example. If OLP raises \$1000 in the first week the business will match that amount.
 - iii. Fat Tuesday will have some activities. More info to come. Carolyn Gleason will be working on some ideas.

- iv. Rake-a-thon and Halloween Carnival will take place on October 27th.
Need to get a message out to parents about this date, so they can join us for the carnival.
 - v. Mass of the Holy Spirit will be Catholic Schools Week. More info to come.
 - c. Personelle and Policy- will review uniform policy at the November meeting.
6. Shared Testimonies:
- a. Shared personal testimonials on why each SAC member loves sending their children to OLP
 - i. Testimonials will be posted to website, bulletin, social media (Testimonial Tuesday).
 - ii. Discussed having families share their testimonies at the 2 All School Masses that will be held in December and January.
 - iii. Reach out to other school families grades Pre-K through 6 to ask them to write a short testimony also.

7. CLOSING PRAYER