

St. Nicholas School Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2023

Commission Chair Chris Perez opened the meeting at 5:31 p.m. with a prayer.

- Minutes from prior meeting reviewed and approved.
- No public comments made.

OLD BUSINESS

1. By-laws reviewed and approved by Archdiocese with some minor amendments. Commission reviewed and approved the amendments.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of Uniform requirements in Handbook. Discussion about returning to standards regarding uniform requirements which were relaxed some during the pandemic. A small group of faculty worked on recommendations to standardize uniform requirements. Mrs. Kacie Ryan presented those recommendations. Discussion among commission members and parents in attendance.

There appeared to be confusion among some parents about shoes. Shoes do NOT need to be completely solid one color. For example, white Nike with a single color “swoosh” is acceptable. The updated expectations are for next school year.

All recommendations were approved with the following requests from parents:

- a. Medical/physical accommodations can be made on a case-by-case basis (e.g., shoes). This was always available but did not appear to be known by a parent in attendance.
- b. Picture examples were suggested to be included in the handbook (pictures of both appropriate and inappropriate examples, in particular shoes).
- c. Get information out to parents early in preparation for next year.
2. New parent survey for the beginning of the school year will be out early November.
3. School web page is currently being updated.
4. Two new potential board members were in attendance. Each introduced themselves to the commission. Kasey Wilson, father of SNCS kindergartner. Band Teacher at Bellarmine. Tom Bowen, father of SNCS 2nd grader.
5. Principal’s report:
 - a. Handout with quarterly updates provided to commission/parents in attendance.
 - b. Basketball coach needed. Kasey suggested perhaps Bellarmine basketball students might be able to help the adult volunteer for the team.
 - c. Academic decathlon hosted by the Archdiocese coming up soon. Needs a coach.
6. PTO Report
 - a. Middle School dance scheduled for November 3rd
 - b. Wreath Sales open
7. Development report:
 - a. Gold tournament was a huge success. Fifty-eight participants. Ten guests. Positive feedback received overall.

- b. Website is current focus. Updating weekly.
 - c. Auction planning underway. Committees are formed. Details will be shared on-going basis via social media, home mailers, etc.
 - d. Annual fund and Catholic Schools Week are on the horizon.
8. Guests/Visitors were dismissed. Commission voted on new members. Both volunteers were appointed – one for a vacant position and one to replace a retiring member.

Meeting adjourned 6:40 p.m.