

St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School Principal Search Committee

May 11, 2016

Dear Parents,

The Search Committee Members and I are pleased to announce the appointment of Maria Sutherland as Principal of St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School for the 2016-2017 school year. As we conducted interviews last week, we considered the candidates' expertise and views on a wide range of education and administrative topics, including, but not limited to, matters pertaining to Catholicity, stakeholder relationships, curriculum development and assessment, teaching methodology and evaluation, accreditation goals (including the use of technology in the classroom), fiscal responsibility and marketing, and general school oversight. Clearly, being the leader of a Catholic school is a complicated, time-consuming job, one that requires faith, knowledge, compassion and dedication. We have been committed to our task of seeking the strongest leader for SVES from among the candidates, and as a result of our deliberations, we feel that Mrs. Sutherland has the best qualifications to meet the needs of our school.

As my update of May 6, 2016 indicated, I have decided to expand the advisory board for the elementary school. As a first step, Sue Roffmann, former SVES Principal of twenty-three years, will be returning on site to support and mentor the Principal, and to serve as the Executive Chairwoman of this board.

I feel that St. Vincent's is well positioned to take advantage of the tremendous opportunities we have for enhancing the student learning experience for all grade levels, and I want to be able to assess the state of the school, support Mrs. Sutherland and the teachers and staff members, and have the input of knowledgeable stakeholders, who can all work to maintain those traditions important to the school community while moving forward in new directions for our students and their families. Having Sue Roffmann guide this endeavor will be invaluable for all of us. We have a strong start, and with the talents of Mrs. Sutherland and our teachers and staff members, the input of Mrs. Roffmann and the board, and with your faith and support, I have confidence we can all work together toward this goal.

The Search Committee Members and I look forward to meeting with you, Mrs. Sutherland, and the teachers and staff members at a Parent Meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2016, at 7pm, in the Parish Hall. I realize this will be a very busy week for all of us, but I want us to have this opportunity to meet before we all take leave for the summer.

God Bless,

Father Gary

