



Update Three: A Message from the Strategic Planning Committee

May 21, 2020

While remaining “Safe at Home” these past two months, the Strategic Planning Committee forged on with its mandate via Zoom. Thanks to the dedication of so many from our community, we managed to stay on track and move productively through the next phase of our work. In March, after we had collected and assessed input from all aspects of our community, we worked closely with our consultants to identify six key areas on which to focus our Strategic Plan. We formed six Working Groups, each chaired by one Trustee and one Senior Administrator, with a team of 8-10 members from our parent and alumni parent community. Given these unusual times, we are especially grateful to all of those who agreed to join these working groups and dedicate their time and talent to planning for the future of St. Matthew’s.

Our six areas of focus are:

- 1. Clarify and Communicate our Identity, Positioning, and Educational Philosophy for the Future**
- 2. Sharpen Our Core Academics and Shape our Signature Programs**
- 3. Strengthen and Fortify our School Culture**
- 4. Enhance our Overall Physical Learning Environment**
- 5. Expand and Integrate our Collaborative Opportunities**
- 6. Strengthen Our Long-Term Sustainability**

The combined Working Groups harnessed the skills of 60 plus people working to develop initiatives throughout the month of April. The plans and priorities that each working group spent hours of thoughtful engagement to develop comprise a vision of St. Matthew’s future born out of voices in our community. Throughout May and June, these proposals will be reviewed, edited, and organized into a singular document by the Strategic Planning Committee. The Board of

Trustees will review and approve a final plan this summer which we will present to our community after the start of the school year. We look forward to sharing more with you all soon.

In the meantime, we would like to acknowledge and thank all of the members of our Working Groups:

Chairs:

Carinne Barker, Dana Berlin, Amy Childress, Hunter Doble, John Dowling, Lisa Goldman, Bruce Harlan, Maya Kelly, Ellen Pfahler, Rob Risley, Alex Thain, Mary Vig, and Hilary Wynperle.

Members:

Mark Ames, Lisa Atty, Kristin Barberia (Faculty), Andy Bernstein (Faculty), Kara Boccella, Adrienne Bononi (Faculty), Adam Braun (Trustee), Becca Bunn, Anne Burkley, Elaine Cardenas (Faculty), Michaela Carmichael (Staff), Rob Chambers, Lindsay Commons, Brooke Crane, Carrie Dalton (Trustee), Amita Davis (Trustee), Cindy Davis, Tim Eng, Jennifer Eustice, Kimberly Evanilla (Faculty), Damon Fisher, David Hansen, Ryan Harter, Greg Heidt (Staff), Marissa Hermer, Dave Higley (Trustee), Mike Hurst, Jenna Jackson, Ann Kibler, Ingrid Kiefer, Hallie Kim, Helen Kinnear, Cori Lake (Faculty), Jennifer Lee (Trustee), Heather Maynard, Terry McCarthy (Trustee), Zach McGee, Janet McKillop (Trustee), Dennis Miller, Chuck Murphy, Evan Nicholas, Juana Ochoa (Staff), Eddie October, Joey Perez (Trustee), Laure Py, David Royce, Ted Russell (Trustee), Pedram Salimpour (Trustee), Jason Silletti, Tracy Skyes, Geoff Von Oyen, and Tom Wuchenich (Trustee).

And a big thanks to our leaders:

Edward Kim, Head of School, and Callie Momtazee, President of the Board of Trustees