

# SPLS PRINCIPAL SEARCH FAQ

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## 1. WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR HIRING A NEW PRINCIPAL?

- a. The first step was to finalize the job description, which has been completed.
- b. The Search Committee & Prayer Team are currently being formed. **See #2 below.**
- c. Candidate nominations are currently being accepted. You can send any nominations to Aaron Littmann ([alittmann@stpeters-columbus.org](mailto:alittmann@stpeters-columbus.org)) or Julie Dietrich ([jdietrich@stpeters-columbus.org](mailto:jdietrich@stpeters-columbus.org)) at this time.
- d. The School Ministry Board will review the staff survey feedback to create the candidate profile.
- e. The Search Committee will review the profile and job description, then begin contacting candidates.
- f. Qualified candidates will be invited for a Zoom interview with the Search Committee. The list will be narrowed down and top candidate(s) will be invited for an onsite interview.
- g. Once the Search Committee is prepared to make a decision, they will recommend the candidate and Church Council will announce a Voter's Assembly.

## 2. WHO WILL BE ON THE SEARCH COMMITTEE? CAN I SERVE ON THE PRAYER TEAM?

- a. The search committee will consist of several School Ministry Board members, a few teachers, Staci Schiefer, Pastor John (ex officio), and Aaron Littmann (parliamentarian).
- b. Anyone interested in joining the Prayer Team should scan the QR code and fill out the form. Prayer Team members will receive a text with prayers periodically.



Prayer Team

## 3. WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR HIRING THE NEW PRINCIPAL? WHAT HAPPENS IF THE NEW PRINCIPAL IS NOT HERE BY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL?

- a. Our goal is to have the new Principal in place by the first day of the 26-27 school year. If that is not the case, Staci Schiefer will serve as the Interim Principal.
- b. There is a plan developing to support Staci if she is the Interim Principal.

## 4. WILL THE NEW PRINCIPAL BE A CALLED CHURCH WORKER?

- a. It is preferred that the new Principal is LCMS rostered, but is not a requirement.
- b. St. Peter's is committed to maintaining our Lutheran identity. If the Principal is not rostered, he/she will agree to complete doctrinal certification within 24 months of employment.

## 5. HOW WILL YOU KEEP US UPDATED ON THE SEARCH?

- a. We desire to keep our congregation and school families up to date during the search process.
- b. Please visit our website (<https://stpeterscolumbus.org/school/>) to view the job description and stay updated on the search progress.

## 6. WHO WILL HIRE FOR THE OPEN JR HIGH MATH TEACHER POSITION?

- a. Paul Meredith is leading the search for this position at this time, supported by the School Ministry Board.
- b. Names are still being collected, and interviews are conducted on a rolling basis.



Prayer Team

### HOW CAN I HELP?

Please join us in fervent prayer for the Search Committee and this process. Scan the QR Code to join our Prayer Team:

Stay up to date by visiting the website: <https://stpeterscolumbus.org/school/>

## SCHOOL MINISTRY BOARD ROSTER

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This document will be updated as new questions arise or information becomes available.

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