

**St. Sebastian School
Education Committee Meeting**

Thursday, 9/18 6:30-8:00 PM Multipurpose Room
Joe Desch Cell Number: 915 9529

Attendance (all present):

	Melissa Karls Corr		Maureen O'Meara Rowen
	Joe Desch		Jill Schmid
	Elizabeth Drew		
	Paul Hohl		Audrey Keppler- Skwierawski
	Sha'Nese Burnell Jones		Cheryl Warner
	Kathy Kirkpatrick		H & S Rep- E. Drew
	Kevin Mullen		
	Brent Nistler		
	Reanna Ottoson		
	Steve Dodridge		

AGENDA

Opening Prayer

Joe

Approval of Minutes

All

Principal's Report

Hohl

- Preliminary enrollment numbers – 322 compared with 341 at end of last year; biggest “culprit” is K4 level; down to 16 – AM only – K5 numbers increased from 28-40; also, it was discussed that there is anecdotal evidence that the 4 year old demographic is lower overall
- Paul Hohl has 25 signs ready to go for recruitment – looking to get them out in high traffic areas e.g. Washington Blvd in the November/December timeframe;
- Discussion re: internet ads through magazines e.g. Metro Parent est. \$350/year; or potential for video on parenting magazine for 150/month; Decided not to use internet ads.
- Consensus that church is still top source for exposure to school; general discussion for need to increase number of parishioners
- Discussion about what can be done to identify and recruit Milwaukee residents who try and fail to get kids into Tosa schools
- Potentially better breakout on demographics of student body – to be emailed
- Choice meeting follow-up- currently 172.5– 24 on wait list (but this is not a hard number because some missing components of application); 13 waiting and paying; families are currently enrolled at Sebs.
- Smarter balance and student information system still on but no further details;
- Student Management System – info coming up Wednesday. This system will be required to be in place in order for us to administer the state-mandated Smarter Balanced test.
- Hot lunch program director taking medical leave
- Textbook adoption – Reading Street program arrived (waiting on 3rd and 4th grade) hoping Catholic Schools Walk can fund that
- Discussion about Go Math: Implementation and differences in implementation. Discussed a need for a parent communication about the new style of delivery for math and what parents should expect or ways to help at home
- Discussion about catholic high schools recruiting at Sebs -Cristo Rey- Jesuit Co-ed high school – new target urban low income with one day per week of work; St. Joan Antida – working on boosting education plan – 9/12--Pius XI High School and 9/19 MUHS and DSHA came

Committee Reports:

- Parish Council

Dodridge –

- had retreat in August, 3rd annual one with St. Catherine's driving goal was to foster a stronger catholic identity with the two catholic parishes; faith formation down but money is up; program more structured going forward; looking for speakers and content; Deacon Ralph looking to work with both;
- next cluster mass 11/23 at St. Catherine's; building and grounds –
- Water-damaged Environment room asbestos abatement completed; panels on outside east wall separating a bit; looking at shoring up with concrete blocks/bracing posts; school lobby and church steps on WA Blvd looked at for "stop the auction" fundraiser; looking for other sources of funding outside parish; joint Parish Council meeting –
- Discussion about mass times and Fr. Larry being able to serve both parishes effectively.
- Home and School Drew -
 - high interest day coordinator – Welak family agreed to handle;
 - Magazine sale ongoing, results to be discussed at October meeting
- Finance Mullen –
 - 2 meetings since last Ed Cmte mtg;
 - last night revision of budget revealed that regular contributions declined and less choice money necessitates revision down - 48k make up needed; suggestion/discussion to add choice students; consensus is no now, but to continue to discuss throughout fall

Old Business

- Update from Elizabeth
 - Lego – league has been registered, and approved, info meeting in Tremper's classroom coming up 10/1 , Brent offering office space; will be limited to 10 kids 5-8 grade
 - Sunday Playgroup/Parish Outreach – positive feedback from young families; in progress looking for update in January

New Business:

All

- Ed Cmte Follow up on 9/16 Strategic Planning Listening Session – 40 people in attendance; variety of participants; excellent productive conversation
- Minutes approval and turn around
 - Goal is to have them posted a week after meeting
 - Need affirmative email response (unless questions)

Closing Prayer:

Joe

Next Meeting: Thursday, 10/16 at 6:30PM – Multipurpose Room

Brent – Prayer/Refreshments