

St. Sebastian Education Committee Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2014

Attendees: Joel Agacki, Joe Desch, Paul Hohl, Maureen O'Meara Rowen, Reanna Ottoson, Leah Sealey, Jill Schmid, Cheryl Warner.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Opening prayer and snacks were provided by Jill Schmid

Approval of Minutes: March 2014 minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Parish Council: Fr. Dick's last mass is schedule for 6/15/14. Roof replacement is to hopefully begin week of Easter (did not happen); four-week project. Notes will be sent to parents regarding impact on parking and drop-offs. 2014/2015, no change planned for cross-committee involvement. Leah discussed with PC about having the Parish Administrator or Pastor fulfill the role of liaison. Idea that Ed Cmte should have parishioner representation was discussed. During upcoming masses, every committee is to report their annual doings during 'pulpit talks', which may include – or could be performed by – 7th or 8th grade Sebs students. Mass date for Ed Cmte talk needs to be decided; possibly 6/1? Points to be highlighted may include: technology mission, 100th anniversary, character ed program, where are our graduates attending high school and ways that school / church work in tandem (i.e. this is what parishioners are supporting). Two-sided, color school report was suggested as a take-away from mass. Three sets of students would be needed to cover each mass times for each weekend; Leah to coordinate.

Home and School Report: Magazine sale program is to remain.

Common Core Alignment Sub-Committee: No new business.

Old Business:

Early Admission: One family is currently seeking early admission for upcoming academic year; K5 student with late September birthday. The student has been tested by K4/K5 staff, as well as with Mrs. Skinner, and performed well. The parent(s) provided a pediatric report on which the child also performed well. No IQ test has been performed as of this meeting date, other than Brigance. Paul recommends admission.

Ed-Committee Nominations: Ed Committee Duties brief is being finalized for incoming Ed Cmte members. Four-to-five nominees have agreed to Ed Cmte positions; this may result in a +1 member. Leah to send duties to new members for their review and will invite to May Ed Cmte meeting.

Principal's Report:

Choice Notes: Choice scores were reviewed; release to media was also reviewed. Scores represent Choice students only. Paul would like to perform better in the future, though Sebs students performed well comparatively speaking. Iowa scores were also reviewed; Paul to prepare for parent consumption.

100th Anniversary: Saz's to host 100th dinner on 5/21/14. Proceeds to be used for textbook purchase. Two dinner choices will be available for \$15. Sebs to receive 25% of cash bar sales and raffle sales. Free babysitting will be available at Sebs. Suggestion was made for Ed Cmte to sponsor event.

Professional Development: Options for expansion of 2:30 Wednesday dismissal time, either shortening to 2 pm every Wednesday or 11:30 once a month were again discussed. Purpose is to give teachers more time to share resources and expand professional development opportunities, also to encourage inter-grade communication among staff, outline staff professional development goals for academic year, and focus on developing a professional learning community. Straw poll among Ed Cmte members favored weekly 2pm dismissal. PAL favors 11:30 monthly option. Decision to be made by 5/7 for all parent meeting. Joe to check with Ed Cmte members not in attendance on their opinions. This would be implemented for '14/'15 academic year.

Enrollment: Enrollment was generally reviewed. Paul still pleased with renewals, but more new non-choice families are still needed. Number of parishioner families with children enrolled was discussed; in the past the number was approximately 30%.

Strategic Planning: Marquette offered to crunch data produced by 1 to 5 graded survey taken by Sebs parents, students and teachers. Survey purpose is to identify Seb's strengths / weaknesses. Two listening sessions would be provided after survey results. Ed Cmte to review Paul's edits by 4/17/14; distribute to parents at 5/7/14 meeting, with message, "help US shape your future."

New Business:

Job Openings: Second-grade and middle school religion have full-time openings. Fifteen people have applied for second-grade position as of meeting date. Volunteers from Ed Cmte were requested to sit on review panel. Currently, the job is only posted on the Arch website and WI. Gov; can be posted on WECAN but would require fee to be paid.

Student Info System: '15/'16 year, Senate passed bill that would include Sebs as part of schools receiving report cards. Question to be asked and answered is should all students be tested, or Choice only, since Choice testing is free. It's unclear at the moment as to whether ALL scores would be released, or Choice alone.

Marketing / Outreach: Arch will support Sebs sub-committee on topic. Preliminary focus areas include website update, annual report for school posted online, record upcoming 'pulpit talks' and post videos online. Maureen volunteered to head sub-committee. Ed Cmte members were also encouraged to submit a review on Great Schools; also encourage others to do so.

Catholic Soles Walk: To be held 10/25/14. Walk captains needed. It was decided that proceeds should go to textbook purchases. Also, it was suggested contributions from individuals should be used for specific, tangible items like iPads.

All Parent Meeting Agenda: Topics to be covered include: 2pm early dismissal, Catholic soles walk, strategic plan survey, parish leadership transition, new priest in place for start of '14/'15 academic year.

2014/2015 Calendar: Has just been issued; Christmas falls on a Thursday. Two-weeks will be allotted for winter break. At the moment, it looks as though high-school and Sebs breaks may coincide.

Final Ed Cmte Meeting of '13/'14 Academic Year: Will follow 6pm mini open-house. Ed Cmte meeting to start at 7pm instead of 6:30.

Closing Prayer: Jill Schmid

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 6:30 pm in multi-purpose room.