

St. Sebastian School Education Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 8/12 6:30-8:00 PM Multipurpose Room
Joe Desch Cell Number: 915 9529

Attendance:

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

AGENDA

Opening Prayer

Audrey

Approval of Minutes

All

- o Unfortunately there were no minutes from the June meeting
- o Reported that Kim Berner stepped down from last year on Ed and that Brent Nistler will be taking her place on the committee this year.

Principal's Report

Hohl

- o End of Year Financials were presented as provided by Parish House
- o Enrollment report
 - o #s down, particularly in K4 (16 coming in)
 - o 18 on Choice waiting list, a number have chosen to pay while on list
 - o August Open House more successful than previous one, 9-10 families attended.
 - o Renewal of conversation regarding student email.
 - Current policy for computers and telecommunications was presented
 - Question asked what others schools are doing on this subject.
 - o 100th anniversary gift request to Foundation (10.5k for tablets) is still pending.
 - Google Chrome Books VS i-pads
- o Summer Academy
 - o 4 week this year plus longer day
 - o 2 week option for paying students
 - o Enrollment of 59
 - 16 "enrichment young" Thayer
 - 17 "enrichment old" Canapa
 - 15 "remedial young" Runnoe/Shambager/Conklin/Golomski
 - 11 "remedial old"
 - 8 "helpers"
- o Finance Topics
 - o Paul outlined costs (both savings and additions) from various changes
- o Teacher Summer Development
 - o GMCEC offered a variety of professional development opportunities.
 - o Sarah Mrozinski and Lisa Tatsak Tremper attended the STEM workshop focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math in the middle school
 - o School's Learning Support team sent 4 teachers to the annual literacy conference at Cardinal Stritch University—this year's focus was on literacy as it relates to writing. Cyndy Lofy, Lisa Sobczak, Liz Behling and Cheryl Warner attended

- Math teachers Diane Saeger and Kathy Kirkpatrick attended an Arch-sponsored math workshop.
- Marquette University offered a week-long theology/spirituality class. Teachers Cyndy Lofy, Sheri Rick, and Diane Saeger attended
- New Teacher Mentor Training---Amy Kozina

Committee Reports:

- Parish Council Dodridge
- Home and School Drew
 - Overview of H&S committees and chairs
 - Most now filled
 - Reported that there may be a review of H&S bylaws this year
 - Reported that there will be some changes to magazine sale this year
 - Elizabeth felt that H&S has had a good start to the year.

Old Business

- Follow up on Strategic Planning Meeting with Tom K
 - Paul and Joe met with Tom Kieley, from Marquette, on Friday previous. We reviewed survey results
 - Number of respondents was outstanding
 - Tom to help develop major themes of response, to return to Paul by 8/22
 - These will from outline of "strategic planning session" and Tom will help moderate
 - Survey results to be posted to school website
 - 9/16 Strategic Planning Session w/community
 - Joe will send invitations to "stake holders"
 - PC
 - Finance
 - Pastoral Staff
 - H&S
 - Buildings and Grounds
 - Ed Co help
 - table captains
 - refreshments

New Business:

- Textbook adoption All
 - Paul reported on textbook ordering for new year
 - 6/7 grade SS text ordered using 13/14 funds, this replaces our oldest copyright dates
 - "Reading Street reading/LA program was selected by staff. Order will be split due to cost with K, 1& 2 ordered and in place soon. 3,4&5 will probably be ordered in November using monies raised via Catholic Schools Walk fundraising (need to make community aware and get our pledges).
 - Math K-2 has switched to GO math program after K5-1st piloted it last year.
 - Sha'Nese reports very good parent resources available with this program, she was part of pilot last year
 - Math 3-5 will also switch to GO math with text and TE coming
 - Middle School math is examining samples and will consult at October Convention; target order date summer 2015
- Math brainstorming
 - See textbook plan above
 - Amy Shambarger (T-F) & Lori Golmoski (M) have been assigned to middle school math based on their success through Learning Center work as 3rd math group with Lisa Tremper
 - K Kirkpatrick has been assigned to grades 1-5 on M-W-F with schedule TBA
 - A weekly math time based on DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) will be scheduled
 - Further brainstorming of ideas

- DDI consulting “refresher” MAP scores math in-service will be scheduled
- Consolation with feeder high schools for expectations/placement results
- Consult Ed Cmte resources in math—Schmid/Rowen/Berner
- Clubs—Math club, Lego robotics
- Math family night—game, puzzles, challenges (possibly tied into parish family game nights)
- Ideas or tweaks teachers can suggest
(1-3 are done, 4-7 in works 8-10 remain ideas)
- Parish leadership
 - Discussed new Pastor and Shared Cluster Administrator.
 - Many good words and much excitement regarding both by multiple cmte members.
- Elizabeth D’s ideas
 - Elizabeth presented two ideas to address outreach to parish families as well as additional extracurricular activities for kids
 - She is working on a Sunday playgroup for young parish families, to utilize PAL room and middle school volunteers
 - She is exploring two options to create a Lego Robotics Club
 - Both plans will need parental volunteers

Closing Prayer:

Audrey

Next Meeting: Thursday, 9/18 at 6:30PM – Multipurpose Room

Joe – Prayer/Refreshments