

St. Sebastian Education Committee Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2013

Attendees: Joel Agacki, Joe Desch, Donna Dorschner, Paul Hohl, Kathy Kirkpatrick, Maureen O'Meara Rowen, Reanna Ottonson, Jill Schmid, Cheryl Warner.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Opening prayer and snacks were provided by Joe Desch.

Approval of Minutes: June 2013 minutes were approved.

Principal's Report:

Enrollment Reviewed: 347 students currently enrolled. Choice is typically fluid until first school week. K4/K5 early admission policy tabled until next meeting – no early admission requests for 2013-14.

Choice Notes: 24 students waitlisted; 3 – 4 families registered as paying. There could be as many as 30 students on the waiting list by first school week. 7 incoming Choice students dropped as of meeting date. Statewide Choice expansion was discussed. Paul offered draft language of a potential State legislature bill regarding teacher accountability.

Budget Updates: 2013-14 final_School income/loss reviewed. Last year 70K surplus; 25K surplus for current year. Previously there had been no pay increases; adjustment in insurance program. This year may see step increases in salary as Finance Committee reviews. Finance committee would like to use 25K surplus for roof repair. Contributions exceeded expectations as of July 2013.

School Policies: Administration, teachers & Education Committee are reviewing four school policies for effectiveness: Tardy, ZAP Table, Covenant Action Plan & Middle School Double U. Ed. Com. to review school policies; email Cheryl Warner with comments.

100 Year Anniversary: Has kicked off as of meeting date. On July 20, 18 alumni performed at Summer Theater. Attendance was approximately 150 people. 12 – 14 current students in chorus. Fall show, *Annie*, postponed to mid-January. Donation Response cards were distributed at event, but met with limited success. Desert reception brought \$5 per person. Upcoming 100 year events including Thanksgiving mass were touched upon; possible archbishop Hying attendance?

New Hires: Middle School Religion, Sister KD Strandell. Spanish, Ina Johnson. Maeve Holahan 2 days per week with Mrs. Conklin and half-time as aide. 4th Grade, Lisa Sobczak. Laurie Golomski will serve half-time in learning center, half-time as aide. Jorie O'Hagan has left. Rebecca Hoff now at St. Coletta. It was noted that the Learning Center will operate at full capacity.

Parish Council: Staff / Parish Council upcoming retreat will occur jointly with St. Catherine. Paul & Leah will attend.

Old Business: Math computation scores and overall school improvement plans were merged into the current math common core alignment. Implementation of common core is a main emphasis of Education Committee this year. Ed. Comm. Members will work with a staff team in aligning math common core. Archdiocese will assist & provide some resources in 'aligning' common core. Math report card standards and MAP test questions will be

aligned to common core. 'Alignment Committee' topics to consider may include current resources, best practices, parent involvement and text books and more.

Honor Roll: Raising the Middle School Honor Roll to a Grade Point Average of 3.25 was accepted. It was determined that 3.25 will be criteria for effort as well as achievement for the moment, with a consideration for raising standards slightly in the near future.

Boulevard Bash: School presence at Boulevard Bash was discussed. It was noted that there will be information booth.

Accreditation: Long range planning objectives from May meeting to come in final from Paul via email. Ed. Com. members to volunteer for either common core alignment committee or long range planning. Ed Com. to timeline goals; most are school related, while some are building / grounds related.

ACE: ACE team studying 27 schools; all are City of Milwaukee, Catholic Archdiocese, Choice schools. The north side Phase One is complete including St. Sebastian.

New Roof: It's widely accepted that new roof is needed. Ed. Com. role in this matter simply related to budget surplus distribution and reliance on Choice funding increase to aid in roof loan repayment.

PAL: Role of PAL as feeder to K4 was discussed, as well as how 'academic' PAL is or should be. It was noted that some families have sought other care options given lack of academic structure and recent and frequent staff turnover.

Closing Prayer: Joe Desch

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 pm in the multi-purpose room.