

St. Sebastian Education Committee Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2013

Attendees: Joel Agacki, Kim Berner, Joe Desch, Donna Dorschner, Paul Hohl, Audrey Keppler-Skwierawski, Kathy Kirkpatrick, Maureen O'Meara Rowen, Reanna Ottoson, Jill Schmid, Leah Sealy, Cheryl Warner, Home and School Rep

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Opening prayer and snacks were provided by Audrey Keppler-Skwierawski.

Approval of Minutes: August 2013 minutes were approved.

Principal's Report:

Enrollment Reviewed: 344 students currently enrolled as of third-Friday count.

Budget Updates: Budget proposal issued after latest finance committee meeting. Donations for the 2012-13 fiscal year ended better than projected, so Finance Comm. Was revisiting a staff raise for 2013-14..

Field Trips: Have kicked off as of meeting date. Parents of DC field trip meeting. 7th grade trip to Chicago approaching as well as grade 3-5 symphony trip.

Auction: Given St. Seb's 100 year, auction will target infrastructure upgrades to school, including improvements to network and wireless capabilities.

Choice Notes: Accountability for Choice Bill Not gaining traction amongst legislators. Choice summer school enrollment was discussed; more funding will be available (approximately \$312 per child). Record number of students, in summer school, last year; PH to check for faculty interest in teaching four or two-week blocks of summer program. Optional Choice program allows school to set aside 15% of Choice funds in reserve. New Choice dollars may be earmarked for roof repairs. DPI release of Choice data is forthcoming.

Testing: Smarter Balance was discussed. This will be last year for WKCE. Past WKCE (required for Choice participation) was given to grades 4 and 8 for comparison to competitor schools. Going forward non-Choice grade 4 and 8 students will not be given WKCE as it will save \$13K. Grades 3, 5, 6, and 7 choice students to take WKCE.

Parish Council: Parish Council (PC) collaboration objectives discussed. Frs. Dick and Jack timeline critical to implement PC agenda; shared priest (priestly duties)/shared parish administrator (business duties). St. Sebs and St. Cates to hire parish administrator before we are appointed new priest. Need Frs. Dick and Jack to formally announce retirement; awaiting document/letter from them to the Archbishop. Possibly introduce PC members Thanksgiving/Christmas. Schools to remain separate academically; mentoring and some teacher training is already occurring currently.

Home and School Report: No new business to report.

Common Core Alignment Sub-Committee: Members have been decided upon; group will be comprised of teachers and Ed Cmte members. Meeting tasks, times and format is TBD. Need to decide upon meeting structure; collective meeting may be best. Ed Cmte members to assist in teacher resource collection/sharing of common core information. Goal: to get teachers/Ed Cmte members together before next Ed Cmte meeting.

Maureen to serve as Ed Cmte email point person. There was a question as to available funds and time for common core professional development. Sub-committee members to report back progress.

Accreditation: Two documents out there with PH; team report and chart of school goals. What can be accomplished now; what are long term objectives? JD to send out email regarding areas of interest and volunteer opportunities.

4K/5K Early Enrollment: Information provided by KB and others discussed briefly, especially with regard to verbiage, 'superior' versus 'able' and potential future performance as gifted and talented. K5 students only to be considered for early enrollment. Potential proposal for review at next Ed Cmte meeting.

New Business:

Halloween: 10-31-13, was noted to be on a Thursday.

Back to School Social: LS to send invite for gathering with Ed Com members and teachers.

January Open House: Date was discussed; 1-26-14 likely. AKS willing to volunteer in assisting for open-house planning.

Closing Prayer: Audrey Keppler-Skwierawski

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Teachers' Lounge.