

St. Sebastian School Education Committee Meeting

Thursday, 10/16 6:30-8:00 PM Multipurpose Room
Joe Desch Cell Number: 915 9529

Attendance:

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

AGENDA

Opening Prayer

Brent

Approval of Minutes

All

- Approved via email
- New Website is up and running: **positive responses from cmte. Big thank you to all who worked on the project and its ongoing upkeep.**

Presentation of Budget Process

Finance –

- **Tim was unable to attend will reschedule presentation for November meeting**

Principal's Report

Hohl

- **PARISH 60k over budget due to lower than expected school enrollment and as a result, 10 fewer choice students; also lower church revenue/attendance**
- **Paul Hohl does not get reports on whether choice students who are also parishioners are meeting tithing commitments; he will look into this**
- Student Management System (update):
 - **State Law Order. We can shop on our own or join Arch Consortium for research/purchase-menu of options above mandatory DPI requirements:**
 - a. **Hot Lunch, PAL, Buzz Book, e-mail, etc...**
- Smarter Balance Test, Arch allowing for some choice on who and what test.

Outline of options:

 - a. **Current— Grades 3 & 8 Choice students must test, paid by state, reported as "St Sebs School" on all published test scores.**
 - i. **4&8 SS and Science in WKCE in fall—fill in bubbles**
 - ii. **3-8 Smarter Balance Test—on-line in computer lab—spring**
 - b. **Mandatory options for testing (we pay) from Arch---we must test all 3,5, &7—used to be only ITBS**

- i. **Use ITBS for all 3,5, & 7 (choice students would also take smarter balance)**
- ii. **Use ITBS for non-choice 3,5,& 7 since we will use Smarter Balance for Choice kids**
- iii. **Pending DPI approval, test all 3, 5, 7 with Smarter Balance**
- iv. **MAP is not acceptable**

Committee Reports:

- Parish Council -Dodridge
 - **Trustee change – Norm Smaglik replacing Dave Fulcher**
 - **10:30 mass may be moved to 10:45 – not right away however**
 - **St. Catherine’s School down to 130 from 170 last year**
 - **Stop the auction raised \$21,000**
- Home and School- Drew
 - **Magazine sales down from historic high but still raising thousands of dollars – Colleen is willing to continue with it**
 - **Wicked Hop Fundraiser next Tuesday**
 - **10/31 Parent snack and drink event scheduled after Halloween parade**
 - **On waiting list for “City Tins” fundraiser,**
 - **Other potential fundraisers discussed, but caution about**
 - **“Fundraiser fatigue” especially in the Fall**
- Finance -Mullen
 - **Budget gap being worked on, some bridged by moving full time 4k teacher position to part-time.**
 - **Due to an Archbishop directive, Finance committee evolving into a finance council; terms are still being worked out**
 - **Opportunity to access resources though PAVE**

Old Business

- **Lego Update – going well, will find out if accepted into competition in coming week; goal to have at least one “Lego club” meeting between Thanksgiving and Christmas**

New Business:

All

- Need to begin planning for January open house/recruitment
 - **Yard sign placement**
 - **Other outreach ideas and people – Facebook and Google promotions discussed**
 - **Need to have school presence in masses leading up to open house**
 - **Children’s choir**
 - **Somehow identify as students when attending mass**
 - **Show the connection between parish and school**

Closing Prayer:

Brent

Next Meeting: Thursday, 11/20 at 6:30PM – Multipurpose Room

Maureen – Prayer/Refreshments