

Education Committee Minutes
January 20, 2015 @ 6:30
St. Patrick's School

Attendance: Dan Bell, Father John Gerritts, Father Patrick, Laura Anderson, Heather Madigan, Jim Burns, Megan Gerard, Lynn Huebsch, Nicki Loch, Amy Wilson, Michelle Heckmann, Paula O'Brien, Karen Vivian

I. Prayer

II. Pastor Report

A. New phone system will be installed and upgraded via Press Enter. Funding through a singular donation and the 2014 Gala. Church and school will be able to transfer calls, teachers will have new phones in classroom. It is internet based system and thus will be able to have upgrades as needed. Internet speed and reliability is also being upgraded. Both upgrades allow for future service upgrades.

B. Transition from Christmas to Lent is beginning. Father Patrick will be back in the middle of February from Grantsburg. Interim Bishop is in place until a new Bishop is in place.

C. While we lost a few families in the past week, Father is more confident now and more excited for our school than he ever has been. All who've left have their own individual reasons as well as common threads.

D. Tuition rates are about to come out and we are in the middle of our peers. We don't see a large increase coming at this time for the Early Childhood program. \$75-100 increase for tuition for K-8.

E. Re-enrollment going to paper.

F. Shawn Garcia is our new Office Assistant.

G. Parish is looking to hire a new (part-time 15-20 hours) Director of Children's Ministry.

III. Principal Report

A. Shawn Garcia is our new Full-Time Office Assistant. She will be seated when you walk into the office. She will be the server to the students and general reception duties. Other office staff duties are being delegated to the two current part-time positions.

B. The Group meeting went well with the Early Childhood program and Kindergarten.

C. Jenn Miller is researching our current structure and desires of our clients to see that we are meeting the needs of our Early Childhood program families. We are leaning towards providing full day programs for both 3 and 4 year olds.

D. Middle School and 5th Grade. Could we distinguish ourselves by being different? Contain 6 a bit more or have 5 change a bit more. Committee is called to look into schools that might have 5-8.

E. The Soup and Pie Social and Open House, Round Up for Early Childhood is February 8th.

F. From individual feedback and families withdrawing, the LEAD team will be working with Social Skills development as well.

G. The committee is being asked to review the school handbook and prepare feedback on the latest version.

IV. Home and School Report

A. New Chair-Heather Madigan

B. Catholic Schools Week-Hospitality is Sunday.

V. Sub-Committee Reports

- A. Creating Young Disciples LH-Looking for advice on goal setting. Father says to go general and then fall down to specifics.
 - B. Learning Differences AW-Met with School Psychologist and had a great question and answers meeting with regards to differing ideas with scheduling.
 - C. Curriculum MH-decided to put subcommittee on hold. DB will be reviewing the current overall structure and process.
 - D. Finance and Facilities NL-Hoping to meet in February for a school tour.
 - E. Technology-JB This committee is extremely productive and covering much ground in attempt to create recommendations for the 26th.
 - F. Advancement KV- Registration packets are being created to assist in the stronger retention effort making it a more personal effort. Soup and Pie has been the main focus and will be on Feb. 8th. They have also been working on packets for new families and the general branding and marketing of the school.
- VI. Education Committee Member Updates
- A. Open Seat as Nick Schneider has stepped down. Committee is to encourage applicants to meet with Father John or Mr. Bell.
- VII. Next Education Committee Meeting will be February 17th, at 6:30, Church Conference Room.