

Education Committee Minutes
February 17, 2015
6:30pm
St Patrick Church

Members Present: Dan Bell, Fr. John, Jim Burns, Paula O'Brien, Jenn Miller, Michelle Heckmann, Megan Girard, Lynn Huebsch, Nicole Loch, Laura Anderson, Late arrival Heather Madigan

1. Pastor Report:

- A. Soup and Pie will be discussed next time
- B. Parents Meetings 3rd grade
 - 1. New math discussed with parents
 - 2. 3rd grade lost 5 children
 - 3. Parents are asked to check in with Dan and Father before pulling children
 - 4. Top reasons for leaving – math, middle school, transition of principals, class issues/instability, small class size.
- C. Parents Meetings 1st-5th grade
 - 1. Uncomfortable meeting, unrealistic expectations by parents
 - 2. Bad morale
- D. Parents Meetings Middle School
 - 1. No surprises
- E. Kindergarten-1st Grade Meeting
 - 1. Bullying is main issue, action plan presented
- F. Budget Meeting will be soon

2. Principal Report:

- A. Deconstruct 5&6th grade
 - 1. Plus – specialized teachers, more depth of subject
 - 2. Negatives – Moving 5th graders to middle school model may be scary
- B. Need to make middle school home rooms more important/special
 - 1. Maybe change classes length
 - 2. Study hall needs some changes, loud and less productive, rename Advisory Time?
- C. We need more math options
- D. Renweb isn't meeting needs and is expensive
 - 1. Option C is preferred by our Diocese – cheaper and meets needs of school and Diocese

E. Hot lunch program

1. No time to make changes this school year but should be looked at next year
2. Federal dollars and funding vs buying outright from District vs private plan

3. Home and School

A. Movie night is March 13th 7pm

4. Subcommittee Updates:

A. Technology – Phase 1 is complete (phones and switches)

1. Phase 2 is laptops for teachers with eye on costs. Gala will hopefully pay for this

B. Young Disciples - Document is in final polish

1. Inventory of classrooms
2. Share resources as needed

5 Misc

A. School cleaning schedule needs to be reworked

Next meeting: March 17th 630 at Church