

Education Meeting Minutes
March 17th, 2015
6:30 pm at St Patrick Church

I Attendance

II Prayer

III Review of February Meeting Minutes-All meeting minutes will be posted electronically once approved at the following month's meeting.

III Principal Report

A) 2015-2016 Enrollment

- 1) Goal is to maintain a two room per grade standard, with a low student-teacher ratio.
- 2) Easter is goal for decisions to be made.
- 3) 5/6, 7/8 configuration is still up for discussing.
 - (a) 4 teachers per group. Religion would be taught by homeroom teacher.
 - (b) Language Arts and Literature are currently in review. Conversations introduced combined grade reading sections based upon reading levels. Teachers are included in these decisions and any new directions the school will be taking with curriculum.
 - (c) Discussion was held with regard to the reconfiguration of the entire school day so that all rooms are on the same daily schedule-thus allowing for blending of students based upon levels and abilities.
 - (d) Catholic Identity will be a priority with all of the teachers, religion will no longer be taught by a specific religion educator.

B) 2015-2016 Calendar

- 1) Discussion was held regarding Teacher In-services and whether we participate in the Early Release and Late Start schedule of the Public School for the upcoming school year.

IVI Pastor Report

- A) Our youth involvement opportunities are increasing, for example the Hope for Home event we just had.
- B) 15 students have been in participation in Adore.
- C) Extreme faith camp, Mission Trip to Colorado Springs, Summer Stretch, Totus Tuus, National Youth Conference and a Boundary Waters trip all coming this summer.
- D) Reorganizing our Parish Pastoral Council, under which will be 5 commissions led by 2 council members each-Liturgy, Relationship Ministry (Bible, Youth, Baptismal, and Marriage-with one another), Educational/Formation Discipleship (school and faith formation), Pastoral, Stewardship-Christian Maturity. Looking to have six to ten parishioners on each commission and other committees.
 - 1) Mission and Vision of parish will be worked on, prayer, reading, growing as a parish, not as much decision making. The commissions focus on parish life, setting goals to be approved by parish council. Commission is goals and tasks, Council, visionary.
 - 2) The creation of the commissions will allow for more people will become involved in decision making and parish leadership.
 - 3) This has been forming over the past year and a half.

VI Soup and Pie Social/Open House

- A) The committee celebrated the success of the event.
- B) We had several new families in attendance.

C) Following the event Mr. Bell followed up with families regarding registration and the questions they had.

D) Aim of next year's event will to hold it as a kick off to Catholic School's Week.

VII Home and School

A) Movie night had a very successful turn out.

VIII Sub Committee Reporting

A) Technology decisions are now being made at the administrative level, firm decisions will now be made. The new phones are being installed. WiFi routers have been installed.

1) It will be password protected and it used by specific events and populations such as Staff, Gala, and Guest.

B) Learning Differences has drafts of their Strategic Plan up on Google Docs.

C) Advancement has met and has compiled a list of all events and publications that our school and parish ought to be participating in. The next step will be to compose an annual calendar based upon the list so that action can be taken.

D) Young Discipleship has toured the school classrooms, they are looking into classroom provided bibles, crucifixes and such. They are making sure that we are all utilizing the same resources.

VIII Next Meeting: April 21st