

Education Committee Minutes
September 16, 2014
St. Patrick Church
6:30 P.M.

Members Present: Jennifer Miller, Laura Anderson, Fr. John, Peter Noll, Fr. Patrick, Amy Wilson, Paula O'Brien, Lesa Koski, Megan Gerard, Nicki Loch, Karen Vivian, Jim Burns, and Michelle Heckmann

- I. Opening Prayer: Fr. John
- II. Reading of Mission Statement
- III. New Members Welcomed: Jim Burns, Laura Anderson, Jennifer Miller.
- IV. Pastor Report- Fr. John
 - Good job on making tough decision on uniforms. Kids look sharp. There is a difference in the school. Hand rails, steps, lockers all add to this as well.
 - Fr. Patrick will be in Grantsburg and Frederic on three weekends per month. Not in school as much. This should be temporary through the end of the year.
- V. Principal Report – Dr. Peter Noll
 - Uniform update: black headbands ok, plaid belt ok, grey shoes ok
 - New Saxon-Math program for grades K-5
 - Grandparents day on the horizon, figure out parking and congestion issues.
 - Have a flyer at Grandparent's Day about our online store if they want to order spirit wear
- VI. Subcommittees/Reports
 - Home and School Report
 - Classroom reps working on fall fest baskets
 - Spiritwear store up and running online
 - Working on a mission statement
 - Jenny Hanlon is speaking September 25th from 7-9 at church
 - Strategic Plan
 - Chairs were chosen for Subcommittees as follows
 - Creating Young Disciples-Lynn and Nick
 - Learning Differences-Megan and Amy
 - Technology Support for Learning-Jim

- Curriculum and Professional Development-Michelle (Paula will serve)
 - Advancement-Karen (Jennifer will serve)
 - Financial and Facility Viability-Nicki and Laura
- For meeting places-contact Ellen Obrien for a church room and Michelle Heldstab for a school room
- Subcommittees should be composed of 8-12 members, other volunteers can be used for constructive feedback of written materials and such.
- Subcommittees should assemble and meet prior to our next meeting.
- Cari Whitaker will edit our visions and statements to create a common voice.

VII. Old Business

- Back to School Night
 - For next year, narrowing hours will be considered, requesting Life Touch to use 2-3 photographers to speed school photographs.
- Curriculum Night
 - Work with teachers to assure parents have time to transition to the next teacher's speech.
 - Time and Schedule of evening to be reviewed.
- New Family Orientation
 - Was well attended and timed.

VIII. New Business

- Nicki Locke was selected as new Chairperson, Amy Wilson will serve as Vice Chair.
- Karen Vivian will serve as Secretary.

IX. Playbook

- Why do we exist:
 - The Education Committee exists to provide assistance to the principal and priest in the ongoing development and success of our school. We assist in carrying out tasks, gathering feedback and researching to improve. (Karen will be getting Michelle's statement)
- Discussed how we behave.
 - The Education Committee behaves in a professional, deliberate manner for the greater good of all students and the school. With mutual trust, constructive criticism and forward thinking the committee is able to reach the best, optimistic outcome for the students and the school. (Statement to be revised)

- Next meeting we will finalize 1 and 2.

X. Other/Closing

- July and August (with change to Ipad Language) are approved.
- Amy and Father John will compose an email directory for committee.
- Father will get Playbook for committee.
- Next Meeting Date: October 27, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the church conference room

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Heckmann and Karen Vivian, Education Committee
Secretary