

The Board of Catholic Education of St. Joseph Parish

January 12, 2011

Meeting called to order by Nikki Everett @ 7:40 pm, prayer by Randy Verst

Members Present: Nikki Everett, Dale Losey, Kate Beck, Sandy Hatch, Melissa Holzmacher, Fr. Lange, Tom Jordan, Lori Cook, Donna Hicks, Randy Verst, Vicki Klocke and Steven Fischer.

Members Excused: Chuck Pettit, Diane Rinehard and Fr. Reinersman

Approval of Minutes: Lori Cook made a motion to accept the minutes. Randy Verst seconded the motion.

Pastor's Report:

- no report

Administrator's Report:

- First Reconciliation for Grade 2 at 7:00 PM in Memorial Hall on Thursday, January 13th.
- First Reconciliation Breakfast for the second grade in Kelley Hall on Friday, January 14th.
- January 17th school is closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Wednesday, January 19th is our school spelling bee with students participating in grades 5 – 8.
- Governor's Cup Competition is Saturday, January 22nd.
- Community Open House is Sunday, January 23rd from 12:30 – 3:00. Mike Clines has agreed to be our greeter.
- Monday, January 24th is a Day of Prayer and Penance for Life. Our prayer service will have to be in the gym at 9:00 AM.
- Registration for new students is Saturday, January 29th from 8:00 to 10:00 in Memorial Hall.
- Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, January 30th. The theme this year is Catholic Schools A+ for America. Dedication of the Church is also this day. Eighth graders will read essays at all the Masses except the 11:30 Mass. An 8th grade student will read an essay at the reception following the 11:30 Mass.
- Technology – We've been working on our 5 year Technology plan. We have inservices scheduled this month on the Smartboard, Airliners, and clickers. We've ordered two document cameras. We've also upgraded Accelerated Reader to the web-based version, so our students will have access to many more tests. We have also purchased Star Reading Assessment which is also a product of Renaissance Learning. This assessment will help teachers identify the reading level of students and will also help in setting goals for Accelerated Reader.

- This is the year for our Accreditation process to renew. At the faculty meeting we began the process of dividing up the committees to complete the Accreditation binder. Our visit is scheduled for April 27th and April 28th.

Faculty Report:

- See Sandy Hatch's full report on the school website
- Sandy read thank you notes from various teachers in response to the Teacher Appreciation Dinner.

Religious Education:

- **PSR:**
 - Teachers had meeting to discuss the ACRE Test
 - 3rd Grade is working on creating a Rosary
 - Older kids made Christmas cards for the Interfaith Hospitality families
 - Steven is creating a blog to list and track teacher information
- **RCIA:**
 - There are currently 6 signed up for the program (1 Catechumen, 5 Candidates)
 - Currently meeting with them to discuss and discern their readiness for Easter Sacraments so we can send their names to the Bishop for election
 - Adult Insight Day is Saturday February 19th. All Interfaith Hospitality Network volunteers, School faculty and staff were invited.
 - Need atleast 15 people, BOE members are welcome.
- **Adult Faith Formation:**
 - Still working on next Marriage Series session. Looking to have in late February or early March
 - May not do the Friday "happy hour" format
 - Will be working with priests and liturgy committee on educating parish members about the new mass translations handed out by the Diocese.
 - More info about the new mass translation can be found at usccb.org. Look for the 3rd edition of the Roman Missal. Website compares old version of prayers with the new version.

Marketing:

- No Report

Finance:

- No Report

Special Events:

- In preparation for Open House and New Student Registration

Parish Council:

- Website discussion took place at Parish Council

- Discussion continued regarding use of house in front of church. Possible use for an independent tutoring business to move in and use house for business and living quarters.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Update of School Mission Statement. Suggested changes were made and put out for vote. A unanimous vote of 7 for and 0 against accepted the suggested changes. See new Mission Statement at end of Minutes.
- Catholic Schools Week – BOE will purchase gift cards for teachers
- Open House – volunteers are needed. BOE will supply cookies, juice and other drinks. Handout for local daycares and libraries are being completed.
- New Student Registration – new format will eliminate need for arriving early to obtain a preferred number. Registration will take place in Memorial Hall and volunteers will be needed.
- Chuck Pettit submitted a letter of resignation. Nikki Everett has letter. Suggestion was made to have Tom Jordan complete Chucks remaining 3 years and we would find new candidate to complete the remaining year of spot vacated by Cameron Blau previously filled by Tom Jordan. Need Father R's permission to make change.

Communications:

- none

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Tom Jordan and seconded by Donna Hicks.

Closing Prayer: Father Lang

Adjourned at 9:27 pm

Next Board meeting is February 16, 2011 in the parish rectory meeting room.
Prayer – Diane Rinehard

Minutes recorded and prepared by Dale Losey

NEW MISSION STATEMENT:

It is the mission of St. Joseph School to inspire students.
To embrace the Gospel message of Jesus Christ
To be and to do their best
To be lifelong learners
To live their Catholic faith

