

School Committee Mtg 9-8-15

Attendees: Fr. Mike Wensing, Fr. Paul Rutten, Carol Dagel, Angel Oeltjenbruns, Anne Hanson, Pete Bauman, Ray Kranz, Michelle Himmerich, Jeff Mullenhoff, and guests Tim Raml and Puetz Construction.

I. Opening Prayer led by Fr. Wensing.

Pre-School Committee Meeting:

Review final touches on Option 4/5 which is a one vs. two story modification to the north side of building. Few details added to plan since last presentation: rounded vestibule front entry to reception with locked doors entry to school, hallway lockers added to view to show sufficient space, Science room with hands-on experiment area around the perimeter and flexible desk layout in middle, remodel of existing area – staff lounge, SPED within existing area to minimize wall movement, added conf room.

Additions/modification to plan: ADD small window in hallway of the reception/bus mgr to south, Reception area – ADD window (could be half pane) to reception/sick area and remove door, Second floor – left storage by bathroom, added storage west end of hallway, added bathroom outside of lounge area.

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Motion to approve agenda by Himmerich, second by Wensing, approved.

II. Task Force Report

The Task Force was initiated to evaluate the present condition of the school. The Task Force's desire is to make a GREAT elementary school. Importance is to focus on continuous improvement and desire to be even better. Task Force referred to the *National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools* which provides guidance for assessment. It has four sections with 13 standards Includes average scores of the benchmarks within each standard. The four sections are Mission and Catholic Identity, Governance and Leadership, Academic Excellence, and Operational Vitality. Each section includes scoring, key findings and priority actions for excellence and notes who the rating was performed by. Faith formation of our staff is a key area. Communication was a key area. A future action is to create an operational or strategic business plan. A list of areas to review was included within the report. The Task Force suggestion is to continue with an annual review using these standard and benchmarks

Question that came out of the discussion - Does the Diocese have a standard that other schools are doing for teacher-child tuition assistance?

Suggestion to create subcommittees to focus on specific areas. It is important we focus on a few areas and do them well. All members are to come to the next meeting with top 3-5 areas and as a group select 3 to focus on now.

III. History of Scrip

Oeltjenbruns presented document that has provided direction of scrip funds since its origination. Motion by Wensing, second by Rutten to amend the document and continue using as a working documents. Amendments include to updating to catholic community foundation and amend school committee vs. board.

Scrip program is considering limiting the physical inventory cards to local businesses, groceries & gas. A goal is to get our families and parishioners in the habit of buying groceries & gas with scrip and it could be our largest fundraising opportunity. Scrip Wallet is an online purchase option of many national retailers. It takes education! Beth Schultz is planning a monthly newsletter.

IV. First Day of School

Dagel met the bus as transitional school and all went smoothly. All sang Happy Birthday song to Blessed Mother Mary during morning gathering. Painting on wall downstairs looks very nice. The new banner is up. Recited the Vocations Prayer over the intercom at end of day. As of the first day we have 223 students enrolled. The new promethean board in use and is a very nice addition.

V. Closing Prayer led by Fr. Rutten.