



St. Mary Catholic Schools

Education Advisory Council Meeting Minutes - September 13th @ 4:00 p.m.

Attendance

Deb Kallhoff
Casey Michel
Fr. Shane Stevens

Sandy Bauer
Karey Klein
Fr. Scott Miller

Casson Dennison
Troy Werdel

Absent: Daniel Geraets

Meeting Called to Order by President, Karey Klein at 4:00pm

Opening Prayer

- **Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**
 - **Motion by Sandy Bauer**
 - **2nd Casson Dennison**
 - **Favor: All Aye**
- **Administrator's Reports - Casey Michel / Deb Kallhoff**
 - Home School Fees: What we charge for class vs activities
 - Review old policy - focused mostly on athletic activities - have bumped up old rates in recent years.
 - Families are asking for more involvement other than just activities
 - Need more formal policy/guidelines
 - Discussion on options
 - Percentage of tuition versus flat rate for classes
 - 2 rates - one for extra curricular and one for classes
 - 15% minimum based on total cost of tuition
 - Concerns/Discussion around becoming a la carte and disruptions and integrations into class
 - Currently effects 6 students - Homeschooling is growing trend
 - Effective immediately
 - First Reading - formal policy to come
 - New Building
 - Hoping to move Science, Social and English to permanent placement in next couple weeks
 - This will get us out of parish hall
 - We will move back in to new parts of building as they become available
 - Lunch Rooms - need to redo some gas lines before we can move back to lunch room for lunches
 - Elem Admin will stay in other building until everything is finished
 - New Hires
 - Everything is going well.
 - Filled head and assist volleyball
 - PE doing well - Fr. Miller is helping
 - Cross Country doing well
- **Pastor/Superintendent Report**

- Welcome to new members, Casson and Troy.
- Pastoral Planning continues to go forward
 - 4 parishes make up our pastorate (9)
 - Establishing a pastorate planning committee - to include our school principals
 - Develop written plan and present to Bishop
 - Using this as an opportunity to look at things and address weakness as well as strengths
- **Committee Reports - (left current members in the same role - can be adjusted)**
 - **Marketing/Retention** - Sandy Bauer/Karey Klein
 - Defer to new business discussion
 - **Finance** -Sandy Bauer
 - **Policy/Curriculum** - Danny Geraets
 - **Facilities** - Danny Geraets
- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
 - **Committee assignments and expectations**
 - Discussion on reworking
 - Finance Council governs the school - eliminate Finance Committee
 - Have on staff individuals report back to EAC - Marketing & Facilities
 - Marketing - Sandy
 - Lily, communications, does some things for the school, but also for parish. She can take on some things.
 - Sandy work with Lily to develop plan for integration
 - Policy - Casson
 - Facilities - Troy, he will get updates/report from Andy
 - There will be an open house when the new building is 100% complete - details still need to be worked out
 - Pastoral Liaison - Danny
 - **Football field - discussion requested by Casey Michel**
 - Approached by the City about redoing Rickeman next fall - already appropriated funds. This means we won't have a football field next year.
 - City engaged in Master Park Strategic Plan - options could come in to play
 - Discussion on what it would take to get our land set up for a field - 6 acres, not currently in city limits
 - Short term vs long term plans
 - Public School Field could be an option short term
 - Long term we need more information on what City's long term plan for parks and if we will still be able to use Rickeman after it has been updated.
- **Next meeting date - 2nd Wednesday of each month at 4pm - Oct 11, 2023**
- **Meeting Adjourned - 5:16pm**
 - Motion by Casson Dennison
 - 2nd by Sandy Bauer
 - Favor - All Aye

Closing Prayer