

## **Saints Peter and Paul Regional Catholic School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

**July 31, 2013**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Attendees:** Stephen Clements, Melissa Rasmussen, Sr. Clara Fehringer, Debbie Spike-Pierce, Pam Rice, Lesley Farmer, Bill Barr, and Dennis Bender, Fr. John List, Jenny Parker, and Anna Martin,

**Representatives:** Jeanne Miller, Candace James, Julie Kelley, Debbie Cambron, and Lisa Oeltgen-Peyton

**Absent:** Greg D'Angelo, Chris Thiel, Dcn James Weathers

### **Call to Order and Opening Prayer**

The meeting of the Saints Peter and Paul Regional Catholic School (SPPS) advisory council was called to order by Bill Barr, chairperson, at 6:08 p.m. after determination that a quorum was present.

The opening prayer was led by Fr. List.

### **President's Report**

Jeanne Miller reported that enrollments in PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade is strong. Current enrollment has surpassed the budgeted numbers. We are four students away from being flat to last year. There is currently a wait list for the PreK 3 class. Continue to conduct tours every day. The current enrollment in the Little Angels program is 47.

Staffing changes, primarily the outsourcing of cleaning. Coverall began services on July 1. All is going well at the ECC, where students are been all summer. There is a communication log at both campuses to relay information to them. All is good so far.

### **Principal's Report**

Candace James reported on the new hires for the 2013-14 school year.

- Amanda Weiss is the new Kindergarten teacher
- Mickey Carter is the new Resource teacher
- Kristin Hughes is the new Spanish teacher
- Jane Rowady is the new Media Specialist
- Sam Williamson is the new IT Coordinator

An offer has been extended to a new Guidance Counselor but is still in negotiations.

On August 9, the teachers and staff will attend a Professional Development day focused on "Customer Service"

August 12 is Student Orientation. There will be two sessions this year to help alleviate the parking situation. The first session is noon-2:00 PM. The second session is 5:00-7:00 PM. Parents and Students

will meet in St. Paul Church for a brief presentation then will go to the school to drop off supplies and meet the teachers.

August 14 is the first day of school for Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

The Back to School Picnic on July 27<sup>th</sup> was a success!

SPPS was awarded the World Language Arts Integration grant. This is a \$10,000 grant through the Center of the Arts in Louisville. Info will be posted on the website. Fr. List suggested to doing one of the school masses in Spanish.

### **Early Childhood Campus**

Anna Martin reported that the new staffing model of two full-time teachers, lunch coverage, and afternoon coverage as gone into effect. It is working very well.

The ECC has been awarded their STARS certification of two STARS. The staff will find out on Monday, August 5 at the Little Angels staff meeting.

Bill Barr added that the ECC Town Hall meeting was held in June. The building is in the best shape he has seen.

### **Nominating Committee**

Reported by Jeanne Miller, representing the committee of Sr. Clara, Pam Rice, and Chris Thiel.

Bill Barr clarified that we can have up to seven “At Large” members. We currently have three. Each Parish has representation on the Council by nominating two members from their Parish. It is normally the pastoral associate and one other member. “At Large” members do not represent their parish.

Jess Naylor was nominated as an “At Large” member. He is a graduate of SPPS and works at Merrill Lynch.

Debbie Pierce 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion– motion passed

Lisa Oeltgen-Peyton was nominated as an “At Large” member. She is past president of the PTO and member of St. Paul Church.

Stephen Clements 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – motion passed

Scottie Brockman was nominated as a representative from St. Luke Church. The two spots representing St. Luke’s were vacated by Kristi Adams and Charlotte Webb. Fr. List endorsed the nomination.

Dennis Bender 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – motion passed.

Debbie Spike-Pierce was nominated to serve on the Executive Council as Secretary.

Leslie Farmer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – motion passed

## New Business

Bill Barr said that the Spring was very busy for Jeanne, Bill Candace, and Melissa. They were instructed by the Diocese to create a line item by line item budget. This was to be close to the Operational Budget without consideration of debt.

Agreement with Diocese provides for:

1. Freedom to control operational budget from this point forward
2. Has \$2 million line of credit with the Diocese. We must cover all of our expenses, pay principle debt service
3. Melissa – chair of the Financial Committee- will vet and report numbers the 10h of each month

Jeanne attended a Principals Meeting in the fall of last year. She volunteered SPPS to be part of a pilot program offered by the Diocese. Julius Capital came in and did a study of what is, what can be, and what will be.

The Diocese agreed to accept the budget and line of credit. SPPS is the first in diocese to accept the Flex Endowment Campaign. Mr. Michael Schierl presented a PowerPoint explaining the Campaign.

Questions about the presentation

Debbie Spike-Pierce – from a non-Catholic basis, Champions will need help with a prospect list. Help will come from Natural Partners. Everybody is here for different reasons.

This is the 100 year anniversary of Catholic education in downtown Lexington. The alumni of the various schools are a pool of donors that has never been touched.

Every name submitted is vetted by Jeanne Miller before they are asked to ensure multiple calls are not placed to the same person.

Why insurance policy? It is longer term solution; higher internal rate of return

The meeting ended a prayer led by Sr. Clara at 8:03 PM

Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Connie Carr (with assistance from Jeanne Miller)

