

SPPS School Council Meeting

September 23, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Bill Barr at 6:09pm.

In attendance: Julie Kelly, Jenny Parker, Sr. Clara Fehringer, Chris Thiel, Jess Naylor, Stephen Clements, Scottie Brockman, Debbie Spike-Pierce, Jeanne Miller, Bill Barr, Anna Martin, Father John List and Lisa Oeltgen-Peyton

Absent: Melissa Rasmussen, Lesley Farmer, Dennis Bender, Pam Rice, Deacon James Weathers, Greg D'Angelo, Candace James, Elaine Young, and Debbie Cambron.

Father John List opened with a short reading from Ezekiel and prayer.

Recognition of new Council members: Jess Naylor and Scottie Brockman.

Approval of 8/26 Council meeting minutes.

President Report:

Enrollment:

K-8	307 students	294 budgeted
Preschool	57 students	44 budgeted
Little Angels	52 enrolled	

Fall Festival made a profit, final numbers not tallied at this point.

Principal Report:

We are currently MAP testing. The first segment is to test summer retention and as a data tool to determine growth patterns over the winter and spring windows.

Common Core Standards: Planning a curriculum night in October for parents. Common Core is not a curriculum; it is a set of standards for the curriculum.

This year's school schedule allows Arts Integration and Response to Intervention. Students who need assistance will have more people available in the classroom. The arts and Spanish are being fully integrated.

ECC report:

This week the ECC is having a celebration for receiving their Stars certification. This is a voluntary enhancement program. The program has been revisited with positive feedback.

The transition room, now PK2 is going well.

ECC has updated their emergency plan.

Technology report:

Sam Williamson is reported to be doing a great job helping people and instructing where needed.

Catholic Identity:

The Diocese has partnered with the Dominican Sisters in Nashville, Tennessee to deliver catechist training.

All teachers will start a three-year program for continuing education to become Certified Catechists.

PTO:

The Spaghetti Dinner will be held October 3rd from 5-8pm.

This will be in conjunction with the Joseph Beth book fair. In addition they are planning a bake sale and child crafts.

Finance:

The Diocese has changed to 21 pay periods for the year vs. the previous 26. We are on track with our budget. The ECC numbers will increase toward the end of the year. The unknowns in the budget are donations and fundraising. These will change throughout the year and are therefore hard to account for in a monthly profit and loss.

Endow the Future:

This is a flex endowment designed to:

1. Cover operational deficits
2. Provide an endowment for the future of the school

This has been thoroughly vetted. There are 27 campaigns. Many council members have signed up to participate. We are seeking further involvement from volunteers and council members. The long-term goal with this FlexEndowment is to reduce tuition.

Bill Barr brought forward the idea of having the students raise 1% of the campaign ~\$2000. It was discussed with no pushback as long as the amount was small. There was discussion of a coin campaign.

New Concept:

Launch a professional call to art in the form of a Juried Art Show. All art will be on display at a February Gallery Hop. SPPS will start a student collection of art with the winner's artwork being the framed piece provided to Patron donors. This still needs to go through the approval process. **Parents:**

Parent Forum:

Two parents were in attendance. Jeff Ayotte made the comment that it appears as though the same parents are the

ones volunteering. How do we engage all parents? Create the family environment? Should it be mandatory?

Other comments: PTO can help with parent outreach. Nearly 100% of staff participated in the Fall Festival. Recommended 3 phases to these functions: 1) Set up, 2) Food, and 3) Tear down. Participating parents should receive some form of recognition.

Important dates to remember:

Next Council meeting Oct 28th

Spaghetti Dinner Oct 3rd

Alumni Reunion Oct 19th 5pm

Rosary Procession for 100 year anniversary Oct 24th, 8am

City Barbeque September 26th

Closing prayer by Sr. Clara Fehringer at 7:30

Meeting adjourned by Chair, Bill Barr.