

## **SPPS School Council Meeting Minutes**

11/25/13

In attendance: Melissa Rasmussen, Bill Barr, Jeanne Miller, Fr. John List, Lisa Oeltgen-Peyton, Dennis Bender, Pam Rice, Connie Carr, Scottie Brockman, Sr. Clara Fehringer, Chris Thiel, Debbie Cambron, Jess Naylor, Debbie Spike-Pierce and Lesley Farmer.

Absent: Candace James, Anna Martin, Stephen Clements, Dcn James Weathers, Greg D'Angelo, Elaine Young, Julie Kelley and Jenny Parker

Parent in attendance: Richard Vincent

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Barr at 6:05 pm

Sr. Clara Fehringer opened with prayer.

October minutes were approved.

### **President Report:**

The UK basketball ticket raffle totaled \$66,900. There was 85% participation.

Mardi Gras plans are underway and is scheduled for 3/1/14.

Grandparent's day raised over \$1,300 on our teacher's wish list items. The Endow the Future campaign was presented to the grandparents.

The PK4 Eagle Experience had good attendance.

We are currently receiving intentions for PK3, the numbers are looking positive

The show choir will be Christmas caroling downtown, to partner parishes and to the Diocese on December 18.

### **Principal Report:**

The primary talent pool for K-3 is being identified. Report cards have gone out. Students who brought their grades up by one grade since midterms will be recognized. Students with all As will be on the principals list. All As and Bs will be on the honor roll.

Bake sale proceeds are going to the Philippines. The \$1 out of uniform will be helping the KYA (Kentucky Youth Assembly) and the Philippines.

### **ECC Report:**

We currently have 55 students in Little Angels; this will be raised to 72 by June.

The next ECC committee meeting will be December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lisa Oeltgen-Peyton and Jess Naylor will be joining this committee.

## **Finance Report:**

We started with and still have a deficit budget. Some of this will be made up by the Endow the Future Campaign. We are coming in better than budget for expenses and overall things look good at this point.

There was discussion regarding last month's notation of high utility bills. The Short Street campus was evaluated and is OK. The Early Childhood Campus has a number of utility issues which have been evaluated and will address. Currently the budget is not seasonalized.

The finance report was approved.

## **Facilities Report:**

We have outsourced our school cleaning this year and have changed to a new franchisee due to inadequacies.

The tiles are not holding in place well on the playground therefore we are currently looking into some form of adhesive. The Walkway to the Future is completed. The next step in this project will be the engraved bricks. Ms. Morris is leading a project where we are collecting plastic lids. Once we have 400 pounds of lids we will send them off to have a bench made with these recycled lids for the walkway.

## **Technology Report:**

Sam Williamson continues to be a huge asset. Our current three servers will become combined to one. Presently teacher's information is not backed up. They will be developing a protocol to store and back up material.

With enhanced technology comes the question of using individual devices. With school owned devices, there are only certain programs on a device. Can students use their own device? The committee will discuss this with staff and develop a school wide program for approval.

We are currently not offering guest access at the school due to no firewall. Not necessary at this time.

RenWeb is currently not compatible with Apple so some staff members still use PCs.

## **PTO Report:**

Many things planned for teacher/staff appreciation. In November parents will bring soup. In December there will be a donut day.

Due to the Christmas parade being on a Tuesday evening the PTO has decided to participate in the St Patrick's Day parade instead which will be on a Saturday.

## **Endow The Future Report:**

The campaign is going well. St Peter and St Paul have accepted Parish campaigns. Plan to have 25% of goal raised or committed by the end of December. \$500 donors receive a brick for the walkway. \$1000 donors receive an original work of art created by the winner of a student art contest.

Art contest details: It will be with acrylic paint this year. Outside people will come and view 13 pieces displayed on gallery hop. Three will be selected. The winning art project will be screen printed to produce the pieces to be given to donors. There will be prize money for the 1-3 winners and all 13 will be included in a school calendar. The topic for this year will be the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SPPS.

## **New Business:**

We are looking at adjusting enrollment procedures. If you are a current student you will automatically be re-enrolled. This will happen through FACTS with forms through RenWeb. This plan would not happen until 15/16 school year to allow time to vet this process.

There were concerns with 2 families that have had to make school changes due to family hardships. Father List moved that the Council allow these 2 families to depart without penalty. Motion passed. Lesley Farmer moved that in the future if a

family is asking to be excused out of their tuition commitment a formal letter must be submitted to the council for review before approval. Motion passed.

Thirty 6-8 graders will be at the Hyatt on Sunday for the Kentucky Youth Assembly Conference. They will travel to Frankfort on Monday.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm by Chair Bill Barr.