

SPPS School Council Meeting Minutes

1/27/14

In attendance: Stephen Clements, Candace James, Lesley Farmer, Julie Kelly, Anna Martin, Jenny Parker, Debbie Spike-Pierce, Lisa Oeltgen-Peyton, Pam Rice, Sr. Clara Fehringer, Fr. John List, Scottie Brockman, Jess Naylor, Dcn James Weathers, Debbie Cambron, Bill Barr, Jeanne Miller and Greg D'Angelo

Absent: Melissa Rasmussen, Chris Thiel, Dennis Bender and Elaine Young

Parents in attendance: Jill and Gerry Zuniga

The Meeting was opened at 6:05pm with a prayer by Fr. John List.

Motion was made to accept November minutes by Stephen Clements seconded by Sr. Clara Fehringer. Motion passed.

Principal Report: (Candace James)

Catholic schools week: Many activities, students made announcements, New Life Radio to come and host activities. Currently MAP testing, there will be three rounds finishing in May. Working on schedule to makeup hour delays so students don't miss classes. Reviewed proposed school calendar for 2014-15. Current year snow day makeup is on Presidents Day. We are looking for another makeup day, could possibly be Good Friday.

ECC Report: (Anna Martin)

Intention letters were sent today. PK3 has 30 applications already. December activities: Feast of St. Nicholas, Cookies and Caroling and Doughnuts with Santa all went well. Two year old room floor has been refinished which greatly enhances the overall appearance. Little Angels has remained open during inclement weather.

Finance Report: (Bill Barr)

Pledges that have not been collected from the previous Saints Alive campaign have been removed from the financial report. Currently are reorganizing and extending current pledges with Endow the Future. Contributions are down in a few of the partner parishes. The timing of contributions and parish support payments also affects our financials.

Facilities Report: (Sr. Clara Fehringer)

We are working on finding a solution to the playground tiles that are coming up at the edges. For utilities, an energy audit was done by KU with most facility savings in lighting at the ECC. We will look at night heating at Short Street campus to see if savings can be incurred. Also working on a grounds agreement with St Paul's for snow removal and grounds maintenance.

Health and Wellness: (Greg D'Angelo)

There is an issue with the peanut table being overloaded due to no assigned seating at such table. Options: 1) Can be at peanut table, but cannot invite a friend, possibly assigned seats. 2) Next year will poll incoming student parents to see if they would like their child to sit at a peanut free table. Peanut allergies are up at the school. It was recommended to remind families of the peanut policy in Kids News. We still need to consider purchasing a defibrillator (AED). It is not in our current budget. Consider for the 14/15 budget. The quote was \$2,200.

Fine Arts Report: (Lesley Farmer)

FAME had 20 students registered. We have had several plays at the Lexington Children's Theater students attended. The Eagle Arts program is continuing.

Nominating Committee Report: (Jeanne Miller)

A motion was proposed for Marco M. Raykovich to be representation for St. Luke on the council. Seconded by Fr. John List, motion passed.

PTO Report: (Lisa Peyton)

Staff party was postponed due to weather. This will be rescheduled. We need people for Mardi Gras cleanup starting Sunday morning at 8am. PTO is looking for silent auction items. The St Patrick's Day parade is 3/15. We will need a truck, trailer and driver.

Endow the Future Report: (Bill Barr/Jeanne Miller)

The campaign is going well. We ended December on goal, but are not likely to make the January goal due to shortfalls from weather. The campaign will run through the fiscal year thus monthly goals have been adjusted. We still need 10 campaigns @ \$10,000. Commitments to date equal \$54,000.

New Business:

Aftercare late pick-up policy proposal: At 6:05 the parents/guardians are contacted. At 6:30 if parents or guardians cannot be reached, contact emergency contact. At 6:45 if no one has

been reached from above call President or Principal. There will be a form to sign with the documented time for late pick-up. Motion was made by Greg D'Angelo to accept this policy, seconded by Dcn. Weathers, motion passed.

Chair Bill Barr recommended the council develop a policy for snow days or delays and that it not just be the management team decision because we are unique in that we have students from 10 counties.

Currently discussion is made by several school principals, between 5-8 people for a consensus. Twenty percent of our students are not in Fayette County. The Diocese does not weigh in on this decision. There is a policy that if you deem it unsafe for your child to come to school and you keep them at home it will be an excused absence. We are the only school with a bus and have to make the call whether or not it runs. Presently, the bus does not run when Fayette County closes. We need to consider changing this and possibly a reimbursement of fees when the bus does not run. We need to evaluate the bus route and how to charge.

Parent concern: The safety of the children is the most important reason to stop the bus. There was concern that if the bus is not in session and school is; they should not be charged for a service not provided.

A committee for Cancellation/Delay and Bus Policy was formed comprising: Julie Kelly, Jeanne Miller, Bill Barr, Candace James, Anna Martin, Greg D'Angelo, Lesley Farmer and Billy.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm.