SPPS School Council Meeting 3/24/14

In attendance: Anna Martin, Melissa Rasmussen, Jeanne Miller, Dcn. Marco Rajkovich, Lisa Oeltgen-Peyton, Debbie Spike-Pierce, Julie Kelly, Jess Naylor, Scottie Brockman, Debbie Cambron, Pam Rice, Greg D'Angelo, Lesley Farmer, Sr. Clara Fehringer, Candace James

Absent: Bill Barr, Stephen Clements, Jenny Parker, Fr. John List, Dcn. James Weathers, Chris Thiel, Dennis Bender and Elaine Young

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Melissa Rasmussen. Council Chair, Bill Barr was ill and unable to attend. Sr. Clara Fehringer opened with prayer. Dcn. Marco Rajkovich was introduced as our newest council member. Vice Chair, Melissa Rasmussen led the meeting. Minutes from the January meeting were approved via motion and second.

President Report:

We are currently gathering student renewals for 2014-2015. We have not received all responses and are only 38 students less in K-8 than the current year. This accounting is ahead of previous years for the month of March. For preschool we are 5 students less than current year. There is a waiting list for Little Angels.

Fundraising:

Mardi Gras netted $40,000. This is 12-14K less than 2013. Attendance was down 100 people. Next year Mardi Gras is 2/14/2015.

Still need to determine if we will have a 2014 Fall Festival. Comments received: Great community event but always need more help. A suggestion was made to let the community decide, if enough people sign up to help we have it. One day preferred. It is hard to get middle school parents involved. We need to help teachers get students engaged. We need to have more available for this age group.

UK raffle planning meetings already underway for 2014/2015.

Principal Report:

2014/2015 school calendar is finished. It intentionally runs close to Fayette County. Tentative dates for back to school picnic is 8/2 or 8/9. Orientation will be similar to last year. The first day of class will be 8/13. Fall break will be 10/13 and 10/14. February 16th is Presidents day or makeup snow day. Other snow days will be made up at the end of the school year. Greg D'Angelo motioned to accept the school calendar, Scottie Brockman seconded, motion passed.

The SPPS uniform policy has been reviewed and updated. Notable changes: Shirt must be tucked in, no cargo pants, traditional colored khakis for 6-8. It is recommended that the 6-8 khaki skort be purchased at Benedictus or SPPS due to the lengths being shorter than 3" above the knee cap. If wearing plaid for K-5 it is to be the SPPS classic plaid. Footwear: No jewels, sequins, sparkles or other accessories on footwear, including rain boots. Specification for only natural nail polish has been removed. Hair: k-8

SPPS plaid, solid colors of navy, black, gray, white, or brown hair ornaments only. No hats added for boys. For PE, consideration of wearing school shirts in lieu of PE shirts and optional purchase of sweat suits. Parents are to label all uniform items.

There was a recommendation from the council to purchase sturdier kindergarten bags. There was a concern for the cost of skorts from Benedictus/SPPS. The reason for the recommendation is the length. Skorts must to be no shorter than 3" above the knee cap. The uniform policy will be adjusted to allow the purchasing of khaki skorts from other locations as long as they fit the uniform policy requirements of 3" above the knee. Lesley Farmer moved to accept the changes to the uniform policy. Scottie Brockman seconded, motion passed.

ECC Director Report:

All ECC teachers and staff were sponsored to attend Mardi Gras. The ECC received $1000 grant from the childcare council. Tours are very busy at ECC. This spring break will be an experimental offering of holiday care. For ECC Summer camp, children in Little Angels will stay in that program through the summer (as opposed to being in Summer Camp as happened last year) Coffee chat and chew will start in April. Friday May 2nd will be the 1st Annual Spring Fling (a family event).

Finance Report:

Melissa Rasmussen reported we are currently under budget in income, but also in expenses. Fundraising for Mardi Gras did not come into the March budget. We are over in utilities ~12K, which is due to harsh weather for several months. We are sticking close to our budget by monitoring expenses.

Facilities Report:

We are up this year in snow removal and are working with the church to develop an agreement regarding grounds work. The facilities have been evaluated and an energy audit was done on both campuses. Savings is available in lighting. We are reviewing a programmable thermostat lock and what temperature the building should be at night. Also reviewing phone and gas to make certain we are maximizing savings.

ECC Report:

Last meeting was 3/11. The committee is currently planning the Spring Fling and discussing a parent's day out and a new infant room.

Fine Arts:

Dear Edwina Jr. was a huge success. We are currently in week 2 of Eagle Arts. There are numerous ongoing field trips as we have increased the arts integration.

PTO Report:

The staff party has been rescheduled for April 12th. We are working on getting more active volunteers.

Endow the Future:

We have $75,000 raised this year and $65,575 collected. There is $49,000 pledged for future years. Overall the campaign is going well.

New Business:

Anyone who rents our facility must show a $1,000,000 insurance policy or they may purchase a waiver from the Diocese for a onetime event.

Summer Camp for K-5 will be in session this summer and the teachers will run the program.

Jess Naylor moved to adjourn the meeting and Scottie Brockman seconded. Meeting Adjourned.