



HCS Advisory Council Minutes from Thursday, February 23rd at 7:00 PM

Opening Prayer by Stacy Schoenborn

Attendees: Dr . Rick Erickson, Fr. Gary Wegner, Justin Schneider, Dena Entringer, Brant Breuer, Stacy Schoenborn, Melissa Bink, Jenna Lawless, Bob Muellenbach, Mike Wahl, Gary Kraus

Absent: Jon Karls

Bob Muellenbach made a motion to accept the meeting notes from January. Justin Schneider seconded.

No visitors/guests were present at the meeting.

Standing Committee Updates

Education: Last meeting in January 12th. Lisowe farm tour in spring. STEM in the fall of the year with Kohler. June 4th Graduation. Some new members joined the committee. Discussed potential keyboarding class. Survey sent to parents (questions are a combination of accreditation, last survey in 2003 and ideas the education committee had to include). Will continue handwriting up to 6th grade. There wasn't an Education meeting in February; next meeting is scheduled for March 12th.

Finance/Treasurer's Report: Profit and Loss statement was presented by Dr. Erickson. Indicates we are over budget on textbooks, was budgeted for the last school year but expense came in this year. DIOC Student Assessment will decrease; will be receiving grant money after paperwork is completed. The music and art lines are low because restricted funds are being used to fund them. Dr. E will attempt to get a monthly breakdown of the expenses of the school versus the church.

Fundraising: Charitable Dinner planned for April 29th at Hickory Hills Golf Club in Chilton. If this does well, it will take the place of smaller fundraisers like the magazine sale and candy sale. Pizza sale will likely make \$5K. In process of obtaining Sports Raffle prizes.

Marketing/Recruitment: Lego event on March 11th. Event will be held inside the school classrooms. Chess tournament is planned for March 4th. Jenny Wagner is leading the Lemonade Stand, which teaches children how to run a business (from advertisements, raising money, getting supplies, etc.). Preview Days, asking for parent volunteers to sit in classroom so teachers can continue to teach if attendees.

Entered Closed Session @ 7:34PM
Discussed a teacher salary situation.
Resumed open session at 7:36PM.

AdvancEd Accreditation Update:

Survey as mentioned above is part of this process.

Longer staff meetings planned on Mondays beginning in March to begin Elliot (survey for standards within the school). Important to have documentation of the activities the school is doing.

Old Business:

School Tagline ideas – Dr. Erickson will send out the compiled ideas, all council members should review. At our next meeting we will plan to reduce to three possibilities and send out to the teachers/parents to rank them on what they like the best. Could potentially have older children rank them as well.

Ms. Westphal and Ms. Haen have agreed to train as administrators. Ms. Haen attended multi-day session in Green Bay as an evaluator.

Still working on a program to help children who need extra help. Potentially looking for students from St. Mary Springs that have completed the Safeguarding God's children course to help tutor among a few other ideas.

Dress code conversation will be on hold until parent surveys are returned.

Testing: Stanford10 possibly for next year. Will do Iowa this year. Goal and importance of testing is to indicate if a child is progressing from year to year.

Temporarily will have an aid to help get alumni and student record information updated on our server; particularly important to help get the alumni mailing sent out.

Report from Fr. Gary:

Fr. Joseph will now make regular visits to the classrooms and will have more Wednesday masses. He will also attend Religious Ed on Wednesday evenings.

Children had their First Reconciliations. Karen and Ms. Westphal working on First Communion preparation for the children.

Dr. Erickson:

Lent begins next week. Tuesdays 9AM Stations of the Cross.

Collection of hygiene products for those in need.

Monday ASTOP

Tuesday Mardi Gras

Wednesday Ash Wednesday

Thursday Dr. Seus's Birthday

Friday Preschool Preview Day

Kindergarten Preview Day is scheduled for March 10th.

Hired one extra extended day school care supervisor for two days a week. Cost is handled by the number of students participating. Mrs. Thome will be out for a couple of weeks, staff currently filling in.

Staff went to in-service Friday, February 17th. All of staff (aside from Mrs. Erickson) are now trained in CPR and AED.

Catholic Schools Week Mass – had over 1,000 students at Holy Family and had several of our students participate in the mass ministries.

Ideas to engage more families with the school/community:

Mother-Daughter/Father-Son/Parent-Child event to get children socially interacting.

Pair a veteran with a child. Letter writing, visits.

Career Presentation Days – for parents, family members, or community members to come to the school to talk about their careers.

YEP – Youth Empowerment Process – did Valentines for seniors, took cookies to shut-ins, sending out sympathy mass cards to families, Chess tournament.

There is a racial bullying problem in the school. Currently secluded to one class, 2-3 students. Addressing the situation with full parental support of involved parties. Letter will be sent to all parents to create awareness of the situation.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 23rd @ 7:00PM at the Holyland Catholic School in Johnsburg.

Mike Wahl made a motion to adjourn, Dena Entringer seconded.

Closing Prayer by Fr. Gary

Meeting minutes submitted by Melissa Bink