

Sacred Heart School Advisory Council Meeting

Minutes
April 15, 2010
Parish Center

Persons Attending: Ron Schmalz, Rick Pearce, Shelley Cargill, Tom Pulchny, Ed Hayden, Father Gary, Amy Ebertin, Christine Csubak, Lynn Ball, Tom Clerkin

- I. **Call to Order / Opening Prayer** – Meeting began at 7:07 PM with opening prayer led by all.
- II. **Agenda Review**
Overview of agenda
- III. **Ratification of Minutes**
Tom Clerkin motioned to approve March 11, 2010 minutes, Ron Schmalz seconded. Minutes approved by all.
- IV. **Principal's Report**
Relay for Life – next Friday, April 23, next week starts the theme days to lead up to Relay, have raised over \$8,000 already

Open House - Saturday, April 24, focus on Pre-K and Kindergarten

Enrollment – good response from existing families, readiness testing has happened and continues to occur on case by case basis

Alumni dinner – May 5 from 6 – 8:30 PM, have invited 9th & 12th grade graduates from school for dinner

Human calculator – 45 min long program, reason for visit is new involvement in on-line program called Mathletics (cost born by CTN, Catholic Television Network, for first year), Mathletics is an international program involving students around world competing in games in real-time, curriculum set to state curriculum, contains teacher tools that allows level programming for each student, enrichment and remediation tool included, school is also arranging for Smart board for Math classroom

Science camp – 6th grade going last week of month, rep from Walden West visited yesterday

Iowa testing – week of May 5th, math and reading to compare to previous scores
Discussion of ability to report scores compared nationally vs. locally

School Calendar – wanted last day before June 10th, start date will be Monday, August 23rd and end Thursday, June 9. Easter will be late next year so would like to put in a week long winter break during week of President's day holiday. School would like to look into possibility of having some sort of care during that time. Discussion of length of first day of school and overall school calendar.

Parent Communication Meeting – went well, positive feedback

Development Director – working on admissions follow-up, open house, tours to new families, need to let her know about mentoring done by current school families for new school families

Planning New Parent Meeting – will be held at the end of this school year to introduce new families to mentor families, then there will be another meeting in August to go through the school handbook and other details with the new families

Smart Board – had demo for faculty, will start with one in Math room before end of school year, this will allow school to see if it is worth having and if teachers will use it

V. Officer's Report

Discernment – timeline has not changed, 25 nominations, 8 have accepted so far and a few more outstanding, Welcome and Prayer service meeting Monday, 26th at 7 PM, interviews will be the following Tuesday (27th) and Thursday (29th)

Discussion of bringing new members on board, filling of committee chairs, positions within SAC. Nominations for SAC leadership positions to be accomplished any time between now and June meeting

Sponsors that need chairs – please circulate information soon, Kathy Jain is looking for some chairs and will be circulating information soon

By-law Revision – review of changes to by-laws as per the March SAC meeting, discussion of replacing “elect” to “discern” or to “select”, decision to keep terminology as in current by-laws, change teacher representatives number as “up to two”. Motion by Tom Clerkin to accept changes to by-laws, seconded by Christine Csubak, approved by all

Discussion of financial commitment required to start current sixth grade class (next year's seventh grade class) with laptop computers next year.

VI. Summary, Next Steps & Adjournment

1. Adjournment – at 8:34 pm with prayer led by Father Gary.