

Minutes from SAC meeting 8-16-2017 6:00pm

SAC Members present: Monica Thibault, Reedus Kelly, Kris Gates, Sara Worthington, ~~Kate McNeil~~, Becky Trujillo, ~~Missy Voronyak~~, Eric Conzemius, Kelly McDyre

Ex Officio Members present: Father Pedersen and Karen Bursey

Opening Prayer: Monica

Welcome: Monica

Parent Visit: A parent came to SAC with some concerns after speaking with other Sacred Heart school parents last spring. These parents shared that they loved the SHCS community but were looking at new schools due to the needs below not being met on a student level.

- Direct instructions on conflict resolution/problem solving/social skills.
- Constructive learning of conflict resolution needs not being met for each individual student.

Word on the street that the school climate is “not happy”

Concerns are that this may affect how SHCS is perceived by potential families choosing an education for their children.

This parent mentioned the Boys Town Educational Model. Karen mentioned that through a grant this year, the K-4 teachers will be going through a program called Envoy. The 4th grade class was mentioned and those students will now have lunch recess with the 2nd and 3rd graders which we hope will help the 4th graders to become leaders by example to the younger grades.

After the parents left the meeting, discussion focused on the content of their concerns. This is a continuation of discussion from the February SAC meeting regarding the uniform policy.

Moving forward the SAC will complete the following:

One member of the SAC agreed to follow up with a thank you note to the parent and a brief outline of how we will follow up on their recommendations. Karen Bursey will also call the parent as she was interested in maybe volunteering to help in this process. This parent will also introduce herself to the 4th grade teacher in hopes that she can help with her specific skill set.

NOTE: Envoy (will be happening the week of August 21st. We will re-evaluate once this is complete and school has started at the September SAC meeting.)

Envoy Classroom 2-day training in August for teachers K-4, non-verbal classroom management for teachers to learn how to use body language, say directions once and point to the board, make sure everything is visual for the kids.

There is a coach coming into the school to observe each teacher and giving tips to enhance what they are doing.

Top 20 is creating a positive culture for the entire school to help staff be more welcoming, work together as a team (Church and School) – training already took place for all staff and will be ongoing throughout the year.

Approval of minutes from May: Monica

Moved: Kelly

Seconded: Monica

Dates for meetings: 9/20, 10/25, 11/15, 12/20, 1/17, 2/21, 3/21, 4/18, 5/16

Review SAC member’s role/confidentiality: Monica

Principal report: Karen

- Enrollment currently at 157 (Facebook ad went out in August), Pre-K currently at 35
- Staffing – New Teachers: 4th Grade: Katie Keller; Grades 5-8 Science: Mrs. Petit; Technology: Ms. Boldt, Kids Club Director.
- Workshop week – Aug 21st-August 25th

- Top 20 Training – Creating a Positive School Culture
 - New Math Curriculum – Grades K-8
 - Envoy Training – Grades K-4
- August 31st, C-Stem training with all C-Stem schools and teachers. Each grade will meet to share their curriculum.
 - A member asked if we had a banner advertising C-STEM. Another member has someone who can help with banners. They will get a price on that.
 - Catholic Schools Center of Excellence (CSCOE) – 5 teachers applied for grants. The grant will be used for Envoy training and the Garden Project. 5th Grader will use the grant for the Great Escape Classroom. Spanish will use the grant to attend the Spanish conference this year.
 - Annual Report was handed out by Karen Bursey and briefly reviewed.
 - NWEA Reading – Math Goals
 - Our 8th graders are about the national average again this past year.
 - A member mentioned it would be good to see where passed students are today and highlight them.
 - School Goals – Karen briefly went over goals provided to committee.

Back to School Fundraising Packet: Karen

Some parents mentioned that it was too much info last year. To rectify that issue, we are adding a note this year to the front of the packet noting what is in the packet. Others were confused about the fundraising if they decided to pay instead of participating. The front note will also note “If fundraising amount is paid in advance, fundraising is then optional”. Some members felt it might work better to move the Marathon to spring to help with fundraising being so much at the beginning of the year. We will table the discussion for next year. Another member mentioned it would be nice to have host family for the first year to help with any questions they may have throughout the year. The Parent Teacher Committee handles that. SAC will follow-up with PTC to confirm every new family has a host family this year.

MNSAA-MN Nonpublic School Accrediting Assn. – MNSAA Self Study- Tabled for next meeting

Athletic Waiver Revisions – Monica

Kate and Jeannine are working on waiver revisions.

New Business – Review Envoy Training

Closing Prayer: Father Pedersen

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Attached:

Minutes completed and respectfully submitted by Kris Gates.