

## **Minutes from SAC meeting 2-22-2017 6:00pm**

SAC Members present: Paul Finley, ~~Kris Gates~~, Julianne Laue, Jeannine McDonald, Monica Thibault, ~~Sara Worthington~~, Kate McNeil, ~~Becky Trujillo~~, Missy Voronyak, ~~Eric Conzemius~~

*Ex Officio* Members present: Father Pedersen, Karen Burse, and Rollie Brouillard.

**Opening Prayer:** Julianne

**Welcome:** Karen

**Approval of minutes from December:** Jeannine

Moved: Kate

Seconded: Monica

**Dates for meetings:** 3/15, 4/19, and 5/17

**Principal report:** Karen

**2017-18 School Calendar (change considered?)** Members viewed the District 281 2017-18 school calendar. Sacred Heart would like October 18 off from school for a staff development with other C-STEM schools. The district is not in session on Election Day again on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Sacred Heart is not a voting location; we would like to swap these dates. The Committee Members voted unanimously to have school in session on Tuesday, November 7 and to give students a release day on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Communication will be made with parents in advance, as bus transportation will not be available on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Sacred Heart has had non-bus dates in the past, and we believe with advance notice families will be able to make arrangements for transportation on that day. We will also look into in the possibilities for additional Kids Club staff available for that date.

**Open House success:** Had a great turn out. Many of the current 8<sup>th</sup> graders attended and gave testimony of their experiences. Our students also led the tours. One 5<sup>th</sup> grade student actually started with Sacred Heart this week after attending the Open House.

**Enrollment 17-18:** Tuition contracts are coming in. The on-line process is working. Currently 95 students are registered for the next school year with 12 students signed up for Kindergarten.

**STEM activities:**

**STARBASE:** Our 5<sup>th</sup> students were able to enjoy a day at the facility after a short notice of another school cancelling their reservation. All of our students enjoyed a day of hands on science experiments and a deeper understanding of technology. We are hoping to get back to STARBASE next year with a confirmed date. The facility is on a high security base; all the adults need to have ID's submitted in advance. This actually caused the District 281 to be unavailable for transportation. Sacred Heart was grateful for De La Salle's reliable transportation services.

**Totino Grace:** Students will join Sacred Heart 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students for two 3-hour sessions of a computer programming activity.

**Robotics:** Our Lego Robotics Team will compete in the state tournament this coming weekend.

**Garden:** Teachers are planning this spring to create gardens in a variety of green spaces on the Sacred Heart property. Many considerations are being worked on. Including having volunteers tend those gardens in the summer months.

**Consultant:** The C-STEM consultant will come out to Sacred Heart to assist and observe the teachers as they present their new units of C-STEM curriculum. This professional development will include observations, planning time, and designing activities that use the inquiry method. The St. Catherine's consultant will assist the teachers as they become more comfortable with all the new methods.

**Uniform policy:** After an unfortunate situation during a middle school class this week, the SAC reviewed the uniform policy regarding acceptable clothing for non-uniform days. There was a great amount of discussion centered on the use of yoga pants and the appropriate length of a shirt to accompany the yoga or stretch pant or skinny jeans.

The policy reads: *Skirts/Dresses/shorts must be no more than 2 inches above the knee. (Page 9)*  
*Leggings, yoga pants, and other skin-tight pants, including skinny jeans: ...must wear a shirt or top that extends to the knee. (Page 9)*

After much discussion the following concepts were voiced and agreed on:

- Communication-needs to be to all the parents.
- Continue to use the word "modest" as a teachable moment.

- Teachers should direct their concerns of an infraction to the administration.
- Teachers should not shame or address the situation in a classroom.
- Keep the concern gender neutral.

The SAC was willing to change the wording of the policy for the 2-inch above the knee rule on the pants to align with the 2-inch above the knee rule on the skirts/dresses/shorts. Father suggested to research into the policies of neighboring Catholic schools before making the changes. We will review and edits to the policy after further research.

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade marketing:** We have a date for the Father/ Daughter Dance! April 28 for K-3 grades.

Our second graders made cards of appreciation and included fresh baked cookies to the bus drivers this week.

Our second grade teacher presented the Pinky Swear campaign to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade this week as well.

We will also make a direct mail invitation to all the District 281 current 2<sup>nd</sup> graders for a chance to add members to our small class of 11 students.

**Home & School changes:** This committee is looking at changing the name and reorganizing some of the activities. This committee is similar to a PTA (Parent Teacher Association) we are very appreciative of the work they do and we hope they can gain strength with new members.

**Catholic United Financial raffle:** Will wrap up this weekend with all monies due next week. We have currently collected \$5000.00. We were anticipating around\$14,000.00

**Teacher Satisfaction Survey:** Monica and Kate have worked many hours on creating and revising this survey. Originally there were 5 questions to create in depth answers for teachers to give us ideas for improvement in retaining teachers at Sacred Heart.

Members discussed ways for the staff to answer open and honestly. We want the survey to be anonymous. We are willing to have a paper copy or a computer site, Survey Monkey. Discussion also focused on who would see the results. It was agreed by the SAC members that Father Pederson, Karen Bursey, Rollie Brouillard, Monica and Kate (authors of the survey) and the SAC Chairperson, Julianne would review the collected data. The purpose of the survey is to assist the school and Parish to keep our teachers. The SAC members would like to create a matrix of the data to assist us in making improvements at Sacred Heart and honoring the work of our teachers. At this time, the survey is going to be revised/ finalized by SAC members Monica and Kate.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm with the following topics yet to be addressed

Prayer: Karen

## **Parent Satisfaction Survey**

Move forward

## **MNSAA Surveys**

## **New Business-What's the Buzz**

Attached:

Feb. Agenda

January Minutes

K-8 Dress code p8-9, student handbook

District 281 2017-18 School Calendar

Minutes completed and respectfully submitted by Jeannine McDonald.