

Minutes from SAC meeting 10-19-2016

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 Bursey, and Rollie Brouillard.

Opening Prayer: Julianne

Welcome Karen

Approval of minutes from August: Jeannine

Moved: Sara

Seconded: Monica

Dates for meetings: 11/16, 12/21, 1/18, 2/15(**need to change to 2/22**), 3/15, 4/19, 5/17

Principal report-Karen

Math Update/letter: Meeting followed with Karen and all the math teachers. The focus on the meeting included streamlining the expectations for students, Curriculum and philosophies.

We do have new math curriculum possibly beginning at Sacred Heart, K-4. The Saxon Math is not renewing their curriculum. New curriculum samples have been ordered and teachers will be reviewing. Currently the concerns include if the high scores achieved with the Saxon will continue with the new system.

New Video/Website: Last week the video crews were busy filming around Sacred School. Interviews will include students, teachers, parents, and Father Pedersen. The video will be a 3-minute production.

Marathon update: Currently we have reached \$30,000.00 in pledges. We are down from our goal. Email reminders will go out to families who have not contributed any pledges. Hopefully any confusion regarding fund raising expectations will be cleared up.

Christmas Wreath update: The original due date for orders overlooked the days students would be out for the MEA Conferences. The parent representative met with Karen and the due date was extended Monday, October 24.

It was also decided to purchase 25 wreaths to be sold after Masses for folks that did not get an opportunity to order a wreath.

Pumpkin Drop: On October 31st at 9:40am Sacred Heart students will have a fun opportunity to mix their C-STEM skills with Halloween. Each grade is currently working on designing a cradle to protect a pumpkin from a drop off the roof of Sacred Heart. This will be an exciting event and we are working on getting a variety of media outlets to view and celebrate our student's real life learning possibilities with our C-STEM curriculum in place.

Pond Study-middle school: All of our 6-8 grade students completed their day at the Crystal Lake. Everyone reported having a fun day and enjoyed all the experiments and gathering their samples of the water. Students wrote about their experiences and classes conducted their learning in an outdoor setting. The 8th graders are looking forward to sharing their experiences with the two C-STEM schools we are working with.

Communications-newsletter: Karen is looking to improve the communications with the school and parents. Questions were raised if the current newsletter is being read. Concerns have been brought to Sacred Heart stating there is an excess of emails being created by school staff. SAC members brainstormed a few ideas in an attempt to strike a balance with communication. Some of the ideas included "apps" just for one school, Mail Chimp, the newsletter from the Diocese that gives an indicator of who is reporting the news and on what page to find that article. Karen will try with the next newsletter to use a Topics/index to give viewers an 'at a glance' chance to preview the contents.

Marketing Grant---

Proposal Word of Mouth: Information was shared as an example. We are aware that 95% of our new students choose Sacred Heart due to word of mouth. The example, New Student Referral Program, would give current families an opportunity to earn tuition credit for each student that will attend Sacred Heart. The information contained the parameters for receiving the tuition credit.

Other suggestions were given about marketing Sacred Heart. We will ask families to consider taking pictures of our students wearing their RAM PRIDE shirts and posting pictures on social media.

GROW strategic plan: Paul

Task Force Committees: Information was shared about the task of each sub committee and committees met within the Sacred Heart Library or lunchroom to establish their tasks and divide responsibilities. We are aware the survey data is now 3 years old. Many improvements have been put into place. We will look to measure those improvements by looking at the current effects of the additions and corrections.

******Work in groups 30 minutes******

New Business-What's the Buzz

- A question was raised regarding the instruction of handwriting. Our students are receiving instruction in 3rd grade. However it was the state and districts that dropped this skill from the standards measured.
- the Facebook page for parents is up to 100 members.
- the middle school students were very excited about their day at the lake conducting their pond study and enjoying being outside.

Suggestions for November SAC agenda: a continuation of the sub committees with updated information.

Prayer: Karen closed out the meeting with a Hail Mary.

Attached:

October Agenda

September Minutes

Minutes completed and respectfully submitted by Jeannine McDonald.