

Minutes from SAC meeting 9-21-2016

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: Father Pedersen

Welcome Jeannine

Approval of minutes from August: Jeannine

Moved: Kate

Seconded: Kris

Dates for meetings: 10/19, 11/16, 12/21, 1/18, 2/15(**need to change to 2/22**), 3/15, 4/19, 5/17

Needed to change the February meeting to the 22 due to a Retreat for Karen Bursey and Father Pedersen.

Parent concern

Parents of a 4th, 5th and 8th grader brought a concern to the SAC regarding the current homework for one of their children. The parents asked for clarification of the homework expectation, and the amount of time the homework should take each night. The parents offered suggestions for solutions to include teachers meeting with other catholic elementary schools and the expectations of what our students will know entering the three Catholic High Schools our students will most likely attend.

SAC members asked questions of the parents for further clarification of the issue brought forth. After the questions were addressed, the parents left the SAC meeting.

SAC members spent time in discussion regarding the homework issue and will outline a letter of response for the parents. SAC members Becky and Missy agreed to write the letter with guidance from Karen Bursey.

Principal report-Karen

Enrollment: is currently at 179. The Pre-K is up to 45.

C-STEM updates—plans for the year: An attached sheet of 15 items was available to all members. Each item was introduced and briefly explained. An amazing amount of planning was completed to plan out all the activities and Sacred Heart is off to a great start to a new school year with many fun, hands on and engaging activities planned for our students.

School theme-RAM Pride/incentives: this year's theme includes the acronym of PRIDE. Students have been involved with similar themes each year. Students receive a RAM PRIDE ticket when a staff member observes our students conducting themselves with unselfish characteristics. Examples given were helping the younger students, assisting someone at the door, picking up equipment. Incentives this year include Bingo over the PA.

GROW strategic plan: Father Pedersen

Working on—web site/community:

3rd Sunday: Father introduced the plan to increase fellowship the Parish will start having donut gatherings on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. The 3rd Sunday Fellowship volunteers will partner Faith Formation classes with a grade level class of Sacred Heart. October 16 will be the first celebration with the 8th graders assisting 8th graders of the Faith Formation classes.

 Also, the Children's Choirs will sing at the 10 Masses of the 3rd Sunday. Students will be asked to attend the 10 AM Mass with their Spirit Buddies, pews in the front will be reserved for student seating.

Parish bulletin/pamphlet church programs: We are currently shopping for vendors for the printing of the church bulletin. The Parish would like to add color and photos for a minimal cost increase.

School Committees—Task Force: Information was provided outlining the purpose of each task force. Each SAC member will choose to be on a task force to complete the Accreditation process.

 *****Parent Facebook-Missy:** Introduced a Facebook page she created for Sacred Parents. This is a closed group page and Missy will serve as the Administrator. Missy created a guideline for the use with a 'Rules of the Road.' This looks great and will be a source of support for parents to network and assist each other on common questions and concerns.

MNSAA-MN Nonpublic School Accrediting Assn./ With respect for the time we will table this agenda item until our next meeting.

MNSSA Improvement Plan Karen

MNSAA Self Study

New Business-What's all the Buzz:

Karen asked for any Buzz regarding positive feedback or community comments about Sacred Heart.

- Students love the newly paved parking lot that doubles as their playground. They are super excited about the lines for basketball and games.
- Community members contacted the school/Parish and said they liked the newly paved parking lot on Broadway Avenue.
- Teachers appreciated the letter from SAC thanking them for their summer studies and preparations.

8. Suggestions for October SAC agenda: No suggestions made.

9. Prayer: Jeannine

Attached:

September Agenda

August Minutes

School Improvement Plan 2016-2017

SAC roster-revised

Minutes completed and respectfully submitted by Jeannine McDonald.