

St. Peters Education Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2011

Present: Kristin Blunk, Father Tony Borgia, Laura Brackett, Michelle Chopko, Scott Gatchall, Tressa Reith, Mike Schopieray, Jim Smith, Lorri Stewart

Meeting called to order at 6:07pm

Prayer-Michelle

No adjustments to minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Timely communication of school events was brought up for discussion. The junior high dance, winter sports banquet and the Peace Jam were cited as examples of last minute or ineffective communication. Students involved in the Peace jam received last minute information on a Wednesday for that coming Friday. A discussion about requiring all events to be on the calendar 2 weeks prior to the event or they can't be held was brought up. This issue has been brought up before and members thought that the calendar guideline was being followed. It was pointed out that Bingo is not on the all-events calendar and that both Friday and Sunday Bingo should be placed on the calendar.

The status of the policy manual was brought up because it still isn't on the web site. A date of 4/13/11 was set as the date to have it on the placed on the web site. A short discussion was held highlighting who receives copies of the manual and some of the information contained within it.

Jolene O'Brien's resignation from the commission was brought up. It was decided that she should direct her resignation to Father Beaver instead of the commission since she was appointed as a representative for St. Mary's.

NEW BUSINESS

Awareness Points concerning students' sports were discussed. The issue of students participating in AAU sports that compete with school sports and its effects upon our teams was discussed. Also addressed was a rumor of the high school closing. No one was certain where this started but a few members had heard this rumor.

The logistics and planning of the Easter Bake Sale and its impact on the school was discussed. Space issues are developing when baked goods start to take away dining space from students. An incident occurred where a student sensitive to a food allergen was exposed to that allergen

and the rescue squad needed to be called. The issues of working with volunteers and their amount of training were discussed. Food inspection concerns were mentioned. The displacement of certain treats from other areas to the cafeteria was brought up for discussion. Suggestions were made regarding blocking off areas of the cafeteria; providing bagged lunches on bakery day(s); blocking off certain entrances to the cafeteria; and the possibility of students eating in their classroom on baking day(s).

School Commission elections were discussed. Kristin and Sarah's position are up for election this year. Applications will be available on Monday, May 9, 2011 and are due to the office by 12:00nn on Friday, May 20, 2011. There will be a bulletin insert with candidate profiles in the May 28th & 29th, 2011 bulletin. Elections will be held June 4th & 5th, 2011. Newly selected members will be invited to the June 7th meeting.

REPORTS

Development

No Report.

Marketing

No Report.

Montessori

Report reviewed.

Elementary

Report reviewed. Jim Smith asked members to contact their congressmen in support of House Bill 136.

Junior High & High School

Report reviewed. A discussion concerning Progressbook grading and the timely entry of grades were pursued by members of the committee. A discussion concerning the timeliness of Moodle assignments was also brought up.

A short explanation was given of the new House System. The six Houses are named after Apostles.

Safety

No Meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 7:16pm

Laura will do the prayer at the next meeting on May 10, 2011.