

St. Peter's Parish Education Commission
February 10, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Present: Fr. Tony Borgia, Michelle Chopko, Scott Kleman, Cathy Stout, Tressa Reith, Kathy Morris, Sarah Bennett, Lorri Stewart, Kristin Blunk, Dave Kocevar, Laura Brackett

Meeting opened at 6:05 pm with prayer by Laura Brackett
Dec. 4, 2008 minutes were approved.

Old Business

a. Eligibility of St. Mary's athletes was brought to attention of principal Roger Harraman; he and Bob Keller are in touch and in agreement about the (St. Peter's) eligibility policy for St. Mary's students to follow.

b. Tressa noted that she had made a report for the Jan. 13 meeting that was cancelled (see report)

New Business-

a. Parking Lot situation-complaints & discssion about morning drop off procedure and the fact that many Jr. High/High school cars stop in the drive rather than in designated drop-off area. The concern is the safety of the students and the courtesy to those who are exiting the parking lot. Although suggestions included signs that could designate the appropriate drop-off area, having staff on hand in the area to deter drop-off in the drive, and giving referrals to students when drop-off procedure is not followed, there was no conclusive decision to pursue the issue.

b. Short discussion about Kindergarten enrichment classes and the feeling that some think these classes lack substance to justify the cost; the suggestion was made to market the concept of extended day kindergarten with more substance.

High School/ Jr. High -Tressa Reith-see Report.

a. Scheduling for grades 9-11 was discussed. The hope is to have scheduling done earlier to have a better idea of teacher needs. Will offer a parent night for 8th grade and 6th grade parents. Will meet separately with 8th graders to discuss scheduling.

b. Staff changes discussed included Shelia Jones on leave of absence for the rest of the year or more from JH math; Deb Benick will cover the math classes. Basketball coach Greg Collins also left.

c. Discussion of tests that will be used in the future with speculation that the ACT will probably replace the OGT.

d. Discussion of the difference of the non-weighted GPA on report card to determine eligibility (1.7) and the weighted GPA that determines rank.

Grade School-Jim Smith was not present.

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Montessori--see Report; The MAC is asking for teacher credentials for the website; it was agreed that these could be posted for Montessori teachers and discussion of possible expansion to other faculty at some later date.

Marketing-- see Report

There was mention of Catholic Schools week and that student letters were sent to the different parishes but not all were read at the mass as intended. It was suggested to personally contact the pastors ahead of time to suggest reading the letter or having the student read the letters at mass.

Development--Cathy Stout--see Report

- a. Cathy reports that donor base is increased buyt dollar amount decreased by approx. \$3500
- b. Elevator upgrade will cost \$217,000; OTIS was given the contract based on bid and ability to provide service. There is a proposal to Richland Foundation for grant money for elevator; also pursuing other community and Federal funds; to date have \$46,500
- c. Save the Date for Silent Auction March 28th at Value City
- d. Save the Date for Fr. Tony's Anniversary May 17th.

Superintendent--Fr. Tony Borgia--

- a. Fr. Tony is asking all committee members and other parish reps to attend a meeting on February 23 to discuss the parish debt. There will be representatives from the Diocese who will be present to answer questions and provide information. The debt is close to 1 million dollars.
- b. The setup for Reconciliation for students has begun

Sub-committee Reports

- a. Safety--no report
- b. St. Mary's--see above notes in old business about meeting with Roger Harraman regarding eligibility

Adjourn at 7:50 pm

Next Meeting is Tuesday March 10, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center

Lorri Stewart will have the prayer