

St. Peters Education Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2011

Present: Kristin Blunk, Father Tony Borgia, Laura Brackett, Michelle Chopko, Elizabeth Daniels, Scott Gatchall, Kathy Morris, Tressa Reith, Cathy Stout, Mike Schopieray, Jim Smith, Lorri Stewart, Angel Taylor

Meeting called to order at 6:09pm

Prayer by Kristin Blunk

Review and Approval of January Minutes

Guest: Kristin Husty, Intervention Specialist for Math

Kristin is doing Formative Assessment with students in Math to develop target objectives and to assist students with transforming those targets into "I can statements". It also identifies specific target areas for specific students. She explained the pre-test and post-test applications and discussed pre-test anxiety among the students. The three colors associated with this process are:

Red	0	= No understanding of application/concept
Yellow	1	= Some understanding of application/concept
Green	2	= Mastery of application/concept

This process requires students to write a self-reflective statement evaluating their learning daily. A chart passed around at the meeting showed student progress. Jim Smith asked for feedback for the teachers appreciating the efforts they are exerting in improving the math skills of their students. The money for this program came from federal stimulus money. Jim pointed out that changes are planned in 2014 to the Ohio Core Curriculum in math and that there will be a focus on number sense.

OLD BUSINESS

Lorri's email shows a website that lists post-secondary agreements with schools. A suggestion was brought up to provide this web site as a link on our website for students and parents to utilize. Discussion about remediation agreements, NCSC classes and the transferability of classes between institutions followed.

The policy manual's status was discussed. The question was brought up if it has been approved. Discussions followed about who proposes and approves changes in the manual, and what changes were being made in the current edition. Kathy does not have a copy of it yet. A suggestion to have it completed at the beginning of each school year was brought up.

A discussion about student involvement in academic extra-curricular activities and how to get more students involved came up. We had no student interest in participating in Math Counts and an advisor couldn't be found in time for Power of the Pen.

The Parents Club has money for the school to purchase traffic directional/parking lot signs. Placement of the signs and traffic patterns in the FAC were discussed.

The committee looking into the superintendant position met and discussed ideas. A suggestion at this meeting was made to hold off on progressing forward until the new pastor arrives at St. Peters. The committee will still work on the foundation for this process and solicit information from some other schools.

NEW BUSINESS

School Choice Rally is scheduled for 03-22-11. Two flyers will be sent home to parents in the near future. The 7th through 12th graders have had this bill explained to them. It is hoped that more people will lobby for passage of this bill.

Calamity Days legislation has still not been signed by the Ohio Legislature. As it currently stands St. Peters last day of school will be Monday, June 13th. The teacher in-service originally scheduled for March 25th will be a regular day of school. The teachers were in favor of using this as a make-up day for school.

The National Honor Society was discussed at length. The discussion topics were many. The timing of the year for the nominations and how this can affect college admissions was raised. What is the selection criteria used? How does character affect a candidacy? How closely aligned to the national selection process is our process? What teachers are involved in the selection process and how might a teacher's prejudices weigh into decisions being made. How do other schools in the area/diocese do this process? A blind draw versus a selective process was raised. It was brought up that it is hard to find coordinators and teachers for this process, which usually involves five teachers and one advisor. How to objectively select students for NHS was brought up.

A short discussion was held on the pros and cons of having teachers come to these meetings.

The 3rd Year Latin Class is still up in the air at this time. A Moodle Course may be developed versus current instructors.

REPORTS

Development

Report reviewed. Cathy has over 100 acquisitions for the raffle.

Marketing

Report reviewed. Web sites visits were discussed.

Montessori

No Report, due to no meeting being held since our last meeting.

Elementary School

Student numbers were discussed. Jim brought up how not being competitive or non-participation in extra-curricular academics spoils our image.

High School

Verbal with written to follow later.

Father Tony

No wistful words of wisdom.

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 5, 2011.

Prayer for next meeting Michelle