

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

Present: Lorri Stewart, Kristin Blunk, Laura Brackett, Michelle Chopko, Jim Smith, Kathy Morris, Sarah Bennett, Mike Schopieray, Jim Smith, Joline O'Brien, Angel Taylor, Cathy Stout, Fr. Tony Borgia.

1. Call to order 6:11; opening prayer by Kristin
2. Review & approval of Oct. Minutes
3. Old Business
 - a. Jim hopes to have a Montessori Rep. for Ed. Com. by January 2010.
 - b. Waiting for policy handbook; Kristin will e-mail Tressa about questions pertaining to this and ask her to address by Nov. 19.
 - c. Teachers in Jr. High have been notified to check uniforms to verify that students are wearing appropriate dress code items.
 - d. Tonight we welcome new reps Angel Taylor (Non Catholic Rep) and Joline O'Brien (St. Mary's rep to replace Scott Kleman) to the School Commission.
4. New Business
 - a. A parish-wide online calendar from calendarwiz.com will be implemented and will be accessible through St. Peter's website beginning Dec. 1, 2009. Sam Chamberlin is working on it, along with Kathy Morris. Topics may be filtered a variety of ways to access school, sports, parish, with a total of 8 categories. It will be administered by Kathy Morris, Vicki Palmer, and Joan Gemzer. Viewer User Managers will include school principals, Fr. Tony, and some parish staff, who will be able to add to and revise it. The key will be to do as much advance scheduling as possible, and use it as a reference to attempt to avoid major scheduling conflicts.
 - b. Jr. High Enrichment opportunities available include Power of the Pen (sponsored by Mrs. Geiger and Mrs. Marshall) and Math Counts. It is important to encourage students to participate in these activities.
5. Reports
 - a. Development—Science Labs were dedicated Dec. 6. There was an alumni gathering Nov. 9 in Chicago area with about 15 alumni present. Two volunteers are working on the establishment of reps from different decades. \$60,000 have been donated to the development fund from grads 1961 → 2005.
 - b. Marketing—see report; looking at creative ways to market, including sharing booths/expos with other private schools to share expenses. Will have exit reports and entrance questionnaires by January. Discussion of the expenses incurred with ads in News Journal and Billboards. We often get discounts based on early contracts.
 - c. Montessori—Please promote Montessori Kids at Work scheduled Dec. 3, 6:00-7:30.

- d. Elementary- see weekly letter. Thank you to everyone for writing emails to legislators and governor about restoring private school funding cuts; thank you to Laura for sending a template to commission members for contacting legislators.
- e. High School—see report
- f. Superintendent—School Thanksgiving Mass will be Tue. Nov. 24. Fr. is scheduling reconciliation for grades 4-12.
- g. Subcommittees
 - 1. Safety—next meeting Thur. Nov. 12

6. Adjourn

Next Meeting January 12, 2010, 6:00 pm

Mike will do the prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Brackett, Secretary