

St. Peters Education Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2010

Present: Kristin Blunk, Father Tony Borgia, Laura Brackett, Michelle Chopko, Mike Schopieray, Jim Smith, Lorri Stewart, Cathy Stout, Jerry Straub, Angel Taylor

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

Prayer by Laura

Review and Approval of August Minutes

-no corrections

OLD BUSINESS

- Drop off policy explained in High School Report
- Supply List for students still contains some confusing items.

NEW BUSINESS

Uniform Concerns

- Shirts- 1 pocket versus 2-pocket shirts. Some are considered correct while some aren't.
- Pants-that have been worn by some students in the past are now not considered the right pants.
- A discussion about non-regular body sizes and the problems some students experience finding the right fitting clothes and how it affects on their shopping choices followed.
- There appears to be selective enforcement of the uniform policy and confusion about what pants and shirts meet the dress code.
- Skirt lengths were discussed briefly.
- A need for a list of what brands to purchase that meet the dress code requirements was discussed.
- A suggestion to have a Student Council Panel assist with the establishment of a guide to assist students with understanding the dress code was brought up.

Education Commission

- A short discussion of member eligibility and how the By-Laws refer to membership was held.

High School and Junior High Schedule

- A discussion of the reasons for the split schedule and the 8 hour class day on Mondays was explained.
- 1) Teachers have students in their class three times a week 2) This schedule gives teachers another prep day 3) It provides a Snow Day buffer.
- Teachers were instructed to not use the 8 hour school day as a quiz/test/exam day so that students weren't slammed by tests.

- The lack of this day being communicated ahead of time to parents and students before the school year started was raised.
- The affect this may have on Post-Secondary students was raised.
- Moving this 8 hour school day to Friday was discussed.

Superintendent

- The need or idea of having a superintendant for St. Peters' Schools was discussed.
- Pastors are not normally trained as superintendants and the need for someone active and up-to-date with running schools is needed.
- The effects on some other Catholic Schools that brought in superintendants were discussed.
- Fremont, Sandusky and Norwalk were brought up in the discussions.
- The idea of clustering with another parish was discussed.
- Laura will put together a questionnaire to consult with other school districts about having a superintendant and the effects upon their schools. (By Wednesday, September 15, 2010)

REPORTS

Development

- Annual Tuition Drive numbers are up with over 100 new donors.
- Family Magazine is very successful.
- The Brochure for the Dunn Foundation has been revised.
- Phone-a-Thon on October 3rd
- Kristin Blunk is the liaison to the Dunn Foundation

Marketing

- Curriculum Review Committee to meet in September as first follow-up to last year's activity.
- Luncheon for prospective pre-school parents scheduled for October 28th.
- Sam Chamberlin, tech support, investigating possibility of redirecting DNS through website host. He will continue to investigate feasibility.
- Scheduling visits to Catholic deanery junior high schools in latter part of September.

Montessori

No Report

Elementary School

- Theme for upcoming year will be, "St. Peter's: Respect the Past, Embrace the Future."
- Toledo Diocesan schools are implanting a new math course of study. Diocese will be at St. Peters on October 1st to give teachers an overview.
- Magazine Sale kickoff begins Monday, September 13th with first collection day on Thursday, September 16th.
- School pictures scheduled for Wednesday, September 15th.
- Scranton Testing for grades 3-6 begins last week of September and goes into October.
- Karis Selser and Krista Wasowski will serve as presidents of the Parents Club for the 2010-2011 school year.

High School

- A better job of screening new students to St. Peters has made this a smooth year so far.
- Meet the Teachers night was well attended.
- Information about the Army's March2Success, an online ACT/SAT Prep course was presented. After Tressa and a few teachers take the course it will be made available to students.
- Work on CreditFlex has gone from the full group to committee.
- Traffic flow after school at the FAC has improved after PowerPoint presentations to students and a few changes. Traffic enters from Distl Street and exits onto Krauss. Cars parked behind the FAC exit onto Distl Street.
- St. Peters High School and Junior High has been awarded the Governor's Award for Excellence in Science Education.

Father Tony

- Had a good Opening School Mass.
- Father Chris did his first Elementary School Mass and did okay.
- Father Nelson, Father Tony and Father Chris will be at the September 8th juniorhigh/high school mass.
- Feast of St. Francis is October 6th in the gazebo downtown.
- Father Dunn will be at the school masses on October 20th.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm. Lorri volunteered to do the prayer for the October meeting.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 19th.