

St. Peters Education Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
September 13, 2011

Present: Laura Brackett, Michelle Chopko, Elizabeth Daniels, Scott Gatchall, Father Gregory Hite, Brent Kingseed, Kathy Morris, Tressa Reith, Mike Schopieray, Maura Siegenthaler, Jim Smith, Lorri Stewart

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm

Prayer by Father Gregory

Introductions of Commission members to Father Hite

Father Hite shared with the commission his views on Catholic Education. He discussed the importance to continue to teach the faith. He informed the commission that the responsibility for Catholic Education is the responsibility of the parish not the diocese. He expressed some concerns about people receiving the Catholic rate that are not attending church regularly or volunteering their time to the parish/schools. He stressed the need to address the issues we need to address. He asked for some information regarding listings of other parish students who are attending St. Peters and for information about how we evolved to having representatives from other parishes on the St. Peters School Commission.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Traffic directional signs arrived today. Information about some other signs was printed out by Michelle and given to Tressa.

A brief discussion was held about finding a new representative from St. Mary's. Roger will send their minutes to Michelle each month.

The topic of a superintendent for St. Peter's was discussed and shared with Father Hite. Father Hite informed the commission that he was unaware of this being a topic that was being reviewed by the school commission. He had assumed this position believing he'd be an integral part of the St. Peters education system. He advised the commission that there would be some canon requirements that we would affect the search for a superintendent. Father Hite he'd step aside if that was the desire of the commission. Laura explained that this was a topic brought up last year before we knew Father Tony was leaving and before we found out that Father Gregory has an educational background. This isn't an issue that needs to be pursued at this time.

## NEW BUSINESS

Meetings will continue to be held on the second Tuesday of each month. The October meeting may conflict with Parent/Teacher conferences.

Communication from the Athletic Department continues to be a concern. Pictures, physicals and parent's meetings were cited as examples where little to no advance warning was given. A discussion followed concerning technological solutions that remedy some of these concerns. The All-Events calendar, the Google calendar and V-Text through the Verizon email server were discussed.

Tressa discussed the auditorium meetings.

## REPORTS

### Superintendent

No Report

### Marketing

Report reviewed. Free Computer Classes, "Roam the Halls", Alumni Care packages were highlighted by Kathy. A discussion concerning retention and the funding of Educational Choice and possible Education vouchers followed.

### Development

No Report

### Montessori

Report reviewed.

### Elementary School

Report reviewed. A list was handed out to the commission listing the committees and after school enrichment programs that the elementary school teachers are involved with.

### Junior High and High School

Report reviewed. Visit days at other schools were discussed and will be revisited before our Visit Day in March.

A short discussion was held concerning random drug and alcohol testing for students involved in extra-curricular activities. Kristen Blunk had done research on the topic and presented a binder of information to Tim Failor.

A discussion about the I-Pads with many questions regarding leasing, ownership, funding and school server compatibility were brought up. Two handouts were given to the commission with information.

### Safety Committee

No Report, committee has not met yet.

Adjournment at 8:11pm

Prayer for next meeting- Lorri Stewart