

Saint Columbkille School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2016

7:00 p.m.

School Library

Opening Prayer – Barb

In attendance: Jim Makey, Brandi Redburn, Kristi Preisman, Jared Hollinger, Catherine Swinarski, Mike Campie, Wendy Squarcia, Barb Muellner, Therrel Brown, Mindy Pelton

Absent: Carrie George

Guest: Kelli Krause, HSA Representative

New Business (5 minutes)

- Policy Approval: 5015.1; 5016.1; 5030.1; 5031.1
- Strategic Planning Report TECHNOLOGY-Mike
 - **Goal 1** Quarterly Technology Peer Training for Faculty and Staff- (per semester)
 - **Goal 2** Sharing Teacher Expectations with families- Sessions held at Open House for 6th-8th grade parents about Chromebooks.
 - **Goal 3** Increase No. of Chromebook Carts- 1:1 Chromebooks for 6th-8th grade, moved carts to grades 3rd-5th. iPads moved to K-2 resulting in five iPads for each classroom, up from three
 - **Goal 4** Manage iPad App Purchases-Info dissemination to teachers about how to acquire apps for their iPads. Teachers given a file of all in-house app titles acquired
 - **Goal 5** Manage Maintenance of Technology Equipment-Dan Sullivan and Ms. Willis address these issues. Teachers are instructed to contact Ms. Willis immediately.

Recurring Business (60 minutes)

- Goal 1: School Tuition and Service Hours (20 minutes)
 - Update Kristi and Barb- - Discussion about how to make service hours meet current school needs.
 - Suggestions:
 - Offer new stewardship opportunities for New Family Mentor Program and Enrichment Programming, etc.
 - Current Enrichment Programs

- Math Clubs 5th & 6th grade, 7th & 8th grade
- Junior Legion of Mary
- Little Flowers Girl's Club
- Lego Robotics
- Yearbook
- Communicate enrichment ideas to parents seeking their leadership for execution.
- Teacher communication of service opportunities in the classroom

Discussion on the change in demographics over the years with most two parent families both working and the difficulty in completing 50 service hours. Mindy provided small sample of what other Catholic elementary and middle schools around the country require for number of service hours ranging from 25-30 hours per year with fee for service hours not completed and buy-out option.

Subcommittee formed for further discussion-Jared, Wendy, Mindy, Mrs. Redburn

- Goal 2: School Communication (15 minutes)
 - Update Kristi –Summary of findings from Communication Survey administered to families. Three areas of school communication most requested for improvement:
 - Providing a more effective way for families to choose service opportunities
 - Providing information about enrichment programs
 - Teacher Communication (happenings in the classroom, lesson focus, how to help students at home, etc.,

Additional Suggestion:

- Create a school-wide Google calendar linked to Sycamore

Leadership

Principal's Report
10-6-16

1. We are taking our Terra Nova tests right now. Those results don't come back until around Thanksgiving. We will send home the Parent Reports once we get those.
2. The Catholic high schools have been here this week making their "recruitment" presentations to 7th and 8th graders.
3. The 1st Quarter ends this Friday. It was a rather short quarter that we scheduled for calendar reasons.
4. Mrs. Redburn will report on the fundraiser.
5. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be Oct. 25th and 27th.

Upcoming Dates:

Fri., 10-7	End of 1st Quarter
Mon., 10-10	No School School of Faith in the morning for teachers Teacher workday in the afternoon
Tues., 10-11	Picture Retake Day
Wed., 10-12	6th Graders have Outdoor Ed. K-2 have a Fire Safety Presentation School staff serves at Stephen's Center
Fri., 10-14	Crusader Walk for fundraiser
Thurs., 10-20	Kindergartners go to Vala's
Fri., 10-21	6th graders have Vocations Day
Mon., 10-24	2nd graders go to SAC Museum
Tues., 10-25	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:00
Wed., 10-26	5 th Grade walk to Papillion Manor 12:30
Thurs., 10-27	No School Parent-Teacher Conferences 11:30-8:00
Fri., 10-28	No School
Mon., 10-31	No School School of Faith in the morning for teachers Professional Development (PD) in the afternoon for teachers
Tues., 11-1	All Saints Mass at 8:15 H.S.A. Meeting at 7:00 in the gym
Thurs., 11-3	S.A.C. meeting at 7:00 in the library

HSA Report- Kelli

Fundraiser Update- We have reached our third level goal of \$20K.

Mrs. Loffler's class won a donut party last Friday for collecting the most labels.

Walk-A-Thon t-shirts will be given out on Oct. 14.

Turkey Bingo- HSA is collecting donation items. Information page will go home with students. Tickets will be pre-sold this year to prevent turning guests away due to reaching max capacity of the Social Hall. See Thurs. Envelope for more details.

School Directories-Printing will take place on Monday, Oct. 10th following proofing and approval by Administration.

Closing Prayer – Mindy