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St. Mary School Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Unapproved
September 9, 2008

Present: Carlton Rider, Father Franks, John McGraw Greer Edwards, Mary Ritchey, Mary McLoughlin, Lynann Shea, Thomas Hayden, Diane Stuckey, Ann, Smith, Brian McCauley, Kim Clark-DeWilder, Robert Maynard

Excused: Matt Dodds, Scott, Huff, Rosie Cleary

Faculty: Kathleen Van Eura, Nancy Fox

The meeting was called to order by John McGraw. Opening prayer was given by Father Franks. A motion was made by Thomas Hayden to approve the May minutes with the correction noted to remove Diane Stuckey from the excused list, Mary McLoughlin made the second.

Reports

Budget: Mr. Rider reviewed the budget reports from 07/2007 thru 07/2008 with the board. 99.56% of last years tuition was collected by July 2007. The 2008 budget was corrected to show the loss of thirty-eight students. As of July 2008 58.89% of the tuition has been paid.

Administrators: The opening of school went very well with both students and faculty. There are currently 430 students enrolled. Mr. Rider has talked with several of the high school principal who have given him positive feed back on the past students from St. Mary's. This feed back is very important in letting the school know how they doing with preparing the students for high school. St. Mary's web page has been updated with a new look. Mr. Rider will have his Thursday thoughts posted along with other school information posted on the web page. Anyone who has an idea for the web page should contact Mr. Rider.

Pastor's: Friday September 12 Opening school Mass will be celebrate with Bishop Frederick Campbell everyone is welcome. Next week Sr. Louis Mary Passeri and Mr. Rider will be joining father in their weekly visit to the class rooms.

Faculty: All the teachers were well pleased with the parent teacher meetings. The students were looking forward to having Mass with Bishop Campbell. The K - grades took a tour of the primary building and was very excited to see Lancaster from the top of the building. All the grades are beginning work on special projects. The teachers are asking that parents talk with them on any issues or concerns they have. They would like for this school year to be a positive experience and would like to eliminate the rumors as much as possible.

St. Bernadette: New board members have been elected and they will be rotating members to attend the St. Mary's board meeting. First week of school ran smoothly.

St Mark: St Mark's confirmation class has 11 candidates. Planning is under way for St. Mark's 50th Jubilee which will begin on September 13, 2009 with Bishop Campbell celebrating an outdoor mass. This week the Haugland learning center for Autistic Children opened.

Pope John XXIII: This Saturday 5:00 mass will be an all youth mass. The ninth annual parish picnic is scheduled for September 21st from 1-5. September 14th PSR students and parents will meet.

Fisher Catholic: Opening day there were no classes for Fisher Catholic instead students were introduced to The house concept. The entire school including students, faculty and staff was divided into one of six houses. You can check out the more about the house concept on the Fisher Catholic web site. Magazine sales are underway the goal is 30k. The new uniforms have been a positive change with several seniors choosing to wear the new uniform.

Home and School Report: A Holiday Happening meeting is scheduled in the Spirit Center on Tuesday September 16th. Holiday Happening will be November 8 & 9 as it has been in the past years. At the last home and school meeting an overview of the Home School programs was shared with everyone. There was very good turn out with a positive feed back from everyone. The next meeting is scheduled for October 7th in Spirit Center @ 7:00pm.

Old Business:

The May 15th, Department of Health inspection went very well. As a result of this inspection some areas of the school's water temperature did not reach the correct temperature in the allotted time. The school's water system will be looked at during fair week.

New Business:

The motion to re-elect the following School Board members for the 2008-2009 school year was made by Diane Stucky with the board's approval, John McGraw / President, Greer Edward / Vice President and Mary Ritchey / Secretary. The board was given a demonstration of the new security system. There are cameras through out both buildings which will allow the teachers to watch the halls lunchrooms and other areas. The Lancaster police is hooked into our system should the need ever arise for them to be notified. Door buzzers have been put in place for both buildings. In order to enter a building, a person will need to buzz the door identify them-selfs once identify a staff member will let them in.

Thanks to the Sheridan Family for their donation and hard work for providing the school with a beautiful new sign in front of the primary building.

Adjournment: Motion was made by - Tom Hayden and Second by Greer Edwards