

Holy Rosary School Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Attendance:

Those Attending: Fr. John, Michael Cantu, Patrick Kennedy, Sherri Chun, Chris Henggeler, Mike Hooks, Meg Peterson, Cindy Wingo, Marithere Thomas, Conrad Smucker, Ann Summers, Derek Logan, Marithere Thomas, John Vair, Mary Jo McFaul,

Absent: Ted Mohrbacher, Melissa Witsoe (rotation with Meg Peterson), Alicia Sands, Amy Huber, Mary Simpson

Opening Prayer

1. Approval of 2/7/2013 meeting minutes

2. Card of Appreciation:

Conrad Smucker gathered for signature, card of appreciation for Bruno Tarabochia for continued service to the school during drop-off and pick-up, BASE, and CYO events.

3. Budget Presentation:

John Vair presented the 2013/14 budget. He discussed the process used to formulate the budget, and the assumptions made by the budget committee.

- Budget numbers based on targeted enrollment of 475
- There will be a teacher salary COLA
- No change to the multi-child discount or registration fees
- No change to parish subsidy
- 3.5% tuition increase across the board.
- Increase in fundraising of \$50k with the effort of our full-time Development Director

Budget philosophy was discussed, and it was decided to have a pricing approach strategy discussion before the budgeting cycle starts next year.

A motion was made and approved to move forward and present the budget to the Finance Council. The presentation to the parent community will be March 19, 2013.

4. Fundraising Survey Results:

Ann Summers presented a summary of the Fundraising Survey given to parents earlier in the year. Key takeaways include 1) WestFest as a portal for school/community involvement 2) Auction does not always have a full quota of volunteers because many parents have already fulfilled their hours.

Ann proposed we set up workgroups this spring to brainstorm with key people, so key volunteer resources can work smarter, not just harder.

5. Principal's Update:

Michael Cantu discussed the Strategic Plan Listening Session he attended with Ken, Amy, and Sue Harris. A key item of discussion was how to reach out to special needs groups. Ongoing support for struggling Catholic Schools was also discussed, with respect to both academic standards and financial concerns. Sue Harris provided perspective that the Archdiocese of Seattle would be the 4th largest school district in the state, and there could be benefits with respect to Catholic Identity, pooling of resources, and purchasing power.

6. Pastor's Update:

Father John informed the group about the All Parish Gathering planned for April 10. Lee Stringfellow from the Archdiocese will be the keynote speaker. All parish councils and committees will be represented.

7. Stewardship and Development Update

Mr. Cantu presented in lieu of Alicia Sands. The Fund-an-Item for the auction has not been finalized. It was proposed that non-auction families be given an opportunity to contribute to the Fund-an-Item.

The School Commission Auction donation will be a hosted dinner on July 13. It will be a raise your paddle item, during the live auction.

8. Subcommittee presentations: Brief update from Subcommittee work

- **Buildings and Grounds:**

- Moving forward with creating a small group consisting of parents, staff, AdCom, Commission members to further analyze the different possibilities. A natural playground concept has been discussed but there is \$9.3k needed for a final design.

- **Technology:**

- IT Inventory of the school (main building) is complete. The Parish Center and Rectory are next. A report will be prepared and published by the next school commission meeting.

9. New Members for 2013-14:

Two new members will be recruited for the 2013-14 year. Ann, Amy, and Conrad will collect and screen applications.

Closing Prayer