

Minutes from Education Commission Meeting
September 25, 2016 6:30PM

Voting Members:

Emily Weigand- absent
Jeff Polly- present
Dave Tanner- absent
Carly Vondrell- present
Trisha Wynn- absent
Beth Sander- present

Non- Voting Members:

Fr. Jerry Hiland, Pastor- present
Jane Brack, Principal- present
Julie Zinser, Religious Education- present
Fran Schwartz, Parish Council- present
Ken Haber, Temporal Affairs-absent

- A. Prayer/ Reflection led by Fr. Jerry to open the meeting at 6:40PM
- B. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting-no minutes from previous meeting
- C. Communications from guests/parish members-none present
- D. Reports:
 1. Pastor-
 - Fr. Jerry would like us to look at our Catholic Identity as described in the OCSAA and how it is implemented
 - He would like to involve the parents in reinforcing the teachings at school and mass at home as well- How can we help parents facilitate this? Ideas were tidbits in Friday notes as conversation starters for families.
 2. DRE
 - See attached notes from Julie Zinser
 - Boosters would like have sport masses in fall, winter and spring to introduce teams to the parish and have it followed by a pep rally type gathering
 3. Principal
 - 257 enrollment (including preschool), end 2015/16 school year w/213
 - Preschool is full and got ODE license on 9/21/16.
 - We are a pilot of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (AOC) preschool curriculum.

- STEAM program for K-8- Technology and art program that involves creativity and problem solving skills. We are the only elementary school in the area to have this program! We will be adding an “R” religious component to it as well.
 - Chromo books are in and will be given to the 6th, 7th and 8th graders.
 - IOWA scores pilot program to better meet students needs by researching the results. Four of our teachers will be working on this.
4. Temporal Affairs- none
 5. Parish Council- Fran Schwartz
 - Donut Sunday schedule is complete
 6. Tuition Review Board-need to contact Cindy Engelhardt to make contact with the board
- E. Unfinished Business
1. Election of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary
 - Carly Vondrell, Chairperson
 - Jeff Polly, Vice Chairperson
 - Beth Sander, Secretary
- F. New Business
1. Discussion of purpose of Education Commission- By Laws Article II
 2. Discussion of Duties & Function of Education Commission- By Laws Article III
 - The voting members are the messengers/voices of the school and parish families in regards to education concerns.
 - The question was asked “why so much teacher turnover from the 2015/16?”
 - The response was 8 total left after the 2015/16 school year due to the following reasons: 3 retired, 1 moved out of state, 2 took positions closer to where they live and 1 for financial reasons.
- G. Announcements- next meeting is Thursday November 17, 2016 at 7PM in the Faculty lounge
- H. Adjournment
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM motioned by Carly Vondrell and 2nd by Beth Sander

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