

John Paul II Academy

School Committee Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Members present: Allie Perugini, Gloria Schumacher, Ann Hart, Sarah Chadwick, Monica Kiesig, Elizabeth Hoff, Lisa Moran, Renee Howard

Invited attendees: Lisa Schumacher

Opening Prayer: Elizabeth Hoff

Minutes from the October 5, 2016 meeting approved.

Faculty presentation - Development: Lisa Schumacher

GRANTS

Grants received since beginning of year:

- Flag Football \$500 worth of materials
- Buddy Bunch-Anti-bullying campaign

Grants submitted:

- Submitted grant proposal to Catholic Community Foundation to get funds to help replace the SOAR program
 - Should hear by end of December

Future Grants:

- Grant to start Phonics program in 5K
- Grant to help supplement a salad bar as another choice for Hot Lunch program. Option would be A La Carte

MARKETING

Focus is retention of students moving from 5th grade to Junior High. Brainstormed on items that could help retain students that JPIIA may lose to St. Cat's or other junior high schools in the area. Suggested activities for retention:

- Day in December to take 5th grade into the "day in the life" of an 8th grader
- Book Club
- S'more app-available for Junior High teachers to help market the classroom
- Evening meeting with junior high teachers. Sarah will work with Gloria to create the agenda.
- Mailing list purchase for 5th grade families entering 6th grade

4K will be coming back under the umbrella of John Paul II Academy. We will no longer use Racine Unified's 4K program. We will need to market the 4K program internally.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tomorrow is Grandparents day and the last day of the book fair. Holiday Shop is also scheduled for December 14th. Funds from these events will go towards the school carnival.
- January 29th-Catholic Schools Week
- School Carnival is February 24th Time TBD, potentially 5-8pm. Carnival event is struggling to get volunteers to serve on committees.

Budget Update

- Will have a draft at beginning of new year
 - Any budget ideas, please let Gloria know
 - Sit/Stand desk options
 - Looking at Science curriculum for next year

Racine Collaboration

- Growth strategy-unifying all catholic schools and parishes into one. Each school will remain (no closings), but the catholic schools in Racine would be governed by a board.
- Choice would potentially be available for all schools
- Ground entire system in a national standard of educational excellence
- Board of trustees formed and other items completed by March of 2017. Implementation would be 2018 school year
- More to come.....

Sustainability – postponed discussion to the next meeting

Parish Report

- Great turn out for the Fish Fry and entire weekend
- 260 attended Roma Lodge dinner
- Listening sessions coming up in December to brainstorm on ideas of what our parish mission will be going forward
 - Renee to follow up on who will be the moderator for the meetings

Principal's Report

- New part-time position for a 3rd grade aid. Posting went up on Monday
- Parent Liaison between Principal and Spanish speaking families is another potential position
 - Varying hours as needed
- Faculty and staff currently planning advent activities
- Conference update – everything went well, especially online scheduling

- Gloria working hard to be in the classrooms to observe teacher performance. Also scheduling one on one with new teachers. Will also meet with returning teachers mid-year to see where they are with their goals. Would like to meet with new staff before Christmas, all staff by Catholic Schools Week.
- Accreditation is next year for JPIIA

Next Scheduled meeting Wednesday January 4th 6pm

January 4th opening prayer - Renee Howard