

School Committee Meeting - December 17, 2019

Attendees: Fr. Mike, Jennifer Crombie, John Bowser, Estella Calvo, Danielle Paul, Sarah Bindl, Angela Zwald, Jennifer Nampel, Marybeth Schessow, Jenny Wendorf, Angela Davis
Absent: Greg Steil

Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm.

Introduction of Guests: Lindsey Linde, Peggy Scott, Fr. Justin Lopina

Opening prayer led by Fr. Justin

Approval of November 2019 Minutes: Danielle Paul made a motion to approve and Jenny Wendorf seconded. All approved.

Audience Comments/Eyes & Ears/Correspondence: Roundtable – Share something positive about our school

1. Christmas program was great
2. 4k Christmas program
3. 8th grade attended the production of The Christmas Carol at the Pabst Theater. Mrs. Scott was proud of our students' behavior.
4. 7th grade social studies class starting their travel projects for Festival of the Arts. Students are travel agents.

Administrator's Report:

- New SCRIP tuition incentive: 48 families have signed the contract, 12 are actively using shopwithscrip.com, 13 others are enrolled, 12 have standing orders (2 are new since November), 34 families have made purchases since the 21st, 10 have started purchasing since the 21st.
- 3k extend-a-day program on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. There are no Choice issues because DPI doesn't oversee our 3k program. This would not be a daycare program. 3-year olds and 4 year olds currently co-mingle together on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Pastor's Report:

Men's Shelter: New Beginnings board has not made a final decision. Shelter items are being moved into storage. Pastoral Council is open to the shelter being in the convent so long as there is great communication with the school and LLF. Pastoral Council wants to sell the building to simplify the operations. If something goes wrong with the building, we would still be on the hook if we still owned it. New Beginnings is thinking about purchasing the house. Temporary arrangements are being made to move items into the convent from the shelter. The upstairs heat needs to be improved. Agreement that New Beginnings will pay for baseboard heat to be installed. Need to send out communication to school parents. Announcement was made at the weekend masses.

Committee Reports: No Reports

Parish Council Report: No Report

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- 3k opportunities for growth: Look at increasing 3k to M/W/F next year. Motion to move forward with the 3k opportunities: 1st – Sarah Bindl, 2nd – Danielle Paul. Approved by all and the motion carried. Formal review at April meeting.
- Before school care: 6:45am-7:45am or 6:30am-7:30am – currently 5 families said they would use this service. Looking at cost to see if what we are bringing in covers the costs. Biggest issue may be looking for someone to come in for one hour in the morning. We have not had any problems finding staff for after school care. Some questions will be taken back to this committee. Moved to January's meeting.
- Finance/Tuition: 1. Tuition policy – specific dates/expectations to payments. Guidelines in regard to delinquent accounts. Tuition policy should be revised. DPI told us last year that we did not have an adequate tuition policy in place. Tuition policy was put together hastily last year because of this. 2. Budget: increase school revenue vs. decreasing offerings; looking at what is realistic. Doing everything we can to increase revenue and not have to reduce staff.
- School Choice: looking at how many seats we would have available/accept next year. This year we budgeted for 10 and we have 14 Choice students.
- CWC has invited our 8th graders to their open house
- Strategic Planning Survey: Where are there opportunities? What are our strengths? What are our weaknesses? Have the survey ready by the 1st week of January. Opportunities for comments. Strictly focused on the school. Long range planning vs. putting out fires. Listening sessions for families? Survey in English and Spanish. Staff survey, student survey, alumni survey (freshman)
 - Areas of Focus: Technology, facilities, financial, survey parishioners to find out why they do not send their kids to SKDS, survey parishioners why they send/have sent their kids to SKDS.

A motion was made by Jennifer Nampel to adjourn the meeting at 8:41pm and 2nd by Jenny Wendorf.

The next School Committee meeting is January 21, 2020.