**DSCS Education Committee Meeting Minutes**

March 19th, 2017 – 7:00 pm

Opening Prayer read by all at 7:03

Mission Statement read by all at 7:04

Members Present: Don Walter, Jodi Keller, Lynn Sauer, Vicki Malueg, Elene Paulus, Brian Weyker, Mindy Tesker, Theresa Wood, Dave Robinson, Eric Schmitz

Approval of February Minutes – motion made by Elene Paulus and 2nd by Theresa Wood.

Old Business

* Mentors & New Families get-together - with Education Committee members on May 10th before the Home and School meeting. Mrs. Lynn will get an invite together for the new families.
* 7th and 8th grade proposal – discussion on adding for 2017/2018 school year. Finance is still talking about this. Donor will support the program for 3-5 years then looking to see what our budget can handle. There is commitment from some families who will support 7th grade next year.

Committee Reports/Address New Business (20 minutes):

* Policy – Electronic and Cell Phone Policy will be rolled out next year.
* Technology – Wifi access points have been updated (this is a signal booster). Replacing all the ones we had and adding new ones. They are all configured. Making great progress! Eventually there will be a guest network that other people will be using. New Chrome Books and 2 carts have been ordered. Chrome Books will be here tomorrow. 25 were ordered!! Soft Choice gave a great deal on license and books. New computers are here and will be updated over the summer. Riverwood Company is going to provide us with IT training. They have already given the staff some great training and support. Thanks to the Giese family for the connection!!
* Building & Grounds – will meet on an as-needed basis.
* Home & School – next meeting May 10th. 2 Faucets have been replaced. Fish Fry’s have been successful. 724 last week.
* Recruitment & Retention – covered lots of beer and wine tasting discussion. Some food vendors are committed. Cedar Beach, Little Kohler Haus and Five Pillars.
* Staff Appreciation – Teacher appreciation week in May – Elene will help with ideas.

New Business:

* Tuition – Father Todd and the Finance Committee have requested an increase in tuition by $100 beginning for the 2017-18 year.

**Principal Report**

**Accreditation Update:**

* Our leadership team will continue to work on writing our goals and submitting the documents needed to advance our accreditation process. We will use a portion of our in-service day on March 29th to meet and work.

**Professional Development:**

* Work continues on our grade level groups collecting items and planning our approach to teaching the 6-traits of writing using mentor texts. New materials have been researched and purchased. We will now collaborate with one another to produce effective lessons.
* On March 29th our staff will continue our discussion of Best Practice in Assessment- Standards Based Grading.
* Our staff Faith Formation Book Study continues. We have been meeting monthly to read Rediscover Jesus. (Each month we have themed treats- (February was tropical drinks and March is Shamrock Shakes.)

**Academics**

* Science and Religion Reviews continue. Decisions will be made by April.

**Budget**

* We will review budgets tonight

**Building & Grounds**

* A lock has been installed on the side door of Church. This adds to building security.

**Personnel**

* Letters of Intent have been returned
* Contracts will be issued by April 15th

**School Safety**

* Fire Drills have been conducted each month with good exit times.

**Long Range Plan**

* 7th & 8th grade expansion - There is a donation to help make 7th grade happen next year. It is now being presented to Finance Council. More details to come.

**Enrollment for 2017-18**

* Enrollment forms will go out in the next few weeks

**Other:**

* **March donuts - Sunday March 19th**
* **March 24th - Playdate & Fish Fry**
* **March 29th - No School- Teacher In-service**
* **March 31st - Family Movie Night**
* **April 7th - Playdate & Fish Fry**
* **April 29th - Beer & Wine**

Closing Prayer read by all at 9:15.

Meeting adjured at 9:15 Motion by Theresa Wood and 2nd by Elene Paulus.

Next Meeting date: 4/10/17 @ 7:00pm

###  *Today’s Saint of the Day - Saint Leander of Seville*

*The next time you recite the Nicene Creed at Mass, think of today’s saint. For it was Leander of Seville who, as bishop, introduced the practice in the sixth century. He saw it as a way to help reinforce the faith of his people and combat the denial of the divinity of Christ.*