



Draft St Louis School Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Sept 9, 2014 7:00 PM Art Room

Attendance Fran Barr, Sarah Blake, Chris Crowley, Susan Conlogue, Mike Moore, Mark Paris, Fr. Robert Ring, Dawn Schnell

Opening prayer offered by Fr. Ring

Principal's Report - Fran Barr

- Student Retention - SLS is retaining 67-68 % of children from Pre-K 4 to Kindergarten and the same percentage from Kindergarten to 1st grade. This is roughly 2/3 each time. Chris Crowley will lead a survey to determine what causes us to lose the 1/3 each year. Of interest will be the losses going into kindergarten because the full day kindergarten option is unique to SLS.
- Mercy, McQuaid, and Siena are coming to SLS to recruit for middle school students in October. It was noted that Mercy and McQuaid are full for 6th grade with a waiting list. Dawn asked that we track where the St. Louis students go year to year.
- Fran presented a copy of her presentation for the SLS parents meeting for 9-11.
- Curriculum maps have been prepared for each grade and detail for parents what topics are covered in each class by month. These will be presented at the Thursday parents meeting.
- There has been nothing but positive comments regarding this year's focus on school uniform compliance. The school opening Mass was held and was great.

Mission/Vision Statements - Dawn Schnell

- There was a discussion about revising the school mission statement, vision statement, and philosophy. Discussion points were:
 - We need to convey that we are a religious school
 - We should consider limiting the talking points to 3 in total so that they will be remembered by the students e.g. critical thinking, teamwork, and respect.
 - Consider what documents need to be edited with a change in our statements such as hallway posters, classroom posters, brochures, and website
 - Consolidate and shorten the statements and include the mission (what) and vision (how). Philosophy is redundant.
 - Mark Paris offered to take the draft statements, consider the discussion, and edit the statements for presentation at Thursday's meeting

- Dawn and Fran have met with a landscaper to design the changes to the entranceway. The design features a granite centerpiece, naming bricks, and ceramic tiles. Recognition for contributions to the capital campaign will be satisfied and additional naming opportunities may be provided.
- Fr. Bob provided background on the capital campaign.

Nothing new from PTO because they have not met since our last board meeting. They are alternating meeting times morning and evening to accommodate more parent's schedules

Fr. Ring offered the closing prayer

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm

Upcoming Meeting

- Oct. 7, 2014

Mike Moore – Secretary