

Education Committee Minutes
September 21, 2009
St. Patrick Media Center
6:30 P.M.

Members Present: Mary Piasecki, Angie Doffing, Roxana Dorsey, Amy Matuga, Mary Seyer, Candy Taber

Members Absent: Lisa Dumont, Traci Haugh

I. Opening Prayer: Mary Piasecki

- *Minutes approved from August 24, 2009 meeting.
- *Started with the reading from the past Sunday.

II. Pastoral Council's Vision Statement-Discussion

- *Even adult teaching is a symbol of Baptism.
- *What does this mean for our calling or to be Holy?
- *Holiness, Community, Mission and Ministry...keeping them a priority.

II. Back to School Night:

- *School pictures will change to be during the school day.
- *Volunteers are needed next year to explain forms to new families.

III. Family Skills Update:

- *Date set for the evening of Thursday November 5, 2009
- *A change from last year...How to Keep your Child Safe?
- *Mary Seyer spoke with Marty Jensen who would kindly send Mark Krimmins to talk about overall safety and will do fingerprinting (using cards/ink and parents adding their own digital photos
- *Needed volunteers for childcare and some to help with the process
- *Angie will put a posting on the Faith Formation website for volunteers
- *Tentative times: 5:15-6:15 Potluck (sandwiches/drink provided)
6:15-6:40 Mark Krimmins (keeping your child safe)
6:40-7:00 Question & Answer session plus fingerprinting
7:00-7:45 Main Speaker (Alice Heinzen)
She will focus on positive parenting/the stages of development of your child. (Embracing Parenting)

- *Angie will start flyer adding contact names and grade levels of children if there are questions (family folder, church bulletin, email, Mary's newsletter).

IV. H1N1 Update: Mary Piasecki

- *Deb Perfect came into the school addressing handwashing using a black light, appropriate usage of kleenex, overall staying healthy
- *Seeing family patterns of illness...asking families to keep all children at home if fever and symptoms of flu persists

V. Spirit Families Update:

- *Will start next week, groups will meet and do a prayer activity
- *20-25 minutes, once a month, having approximately 16-24 students
- *Purpose, what are we called to do? In relation to some church celebrations and saints for example the archangels
- *Families will guide each other with themes...with leaders being staff
- *Used for Catholic Schools Week and other occasions

VI. All-Day Kindergarten Research – ongoing

- *We will continue to research and document advantages and disadvantages
- *At some point looking for a parent survey to be sent home Feb./March
- *Again, the quality of the program is just as important as the length, stated in the research...as well studies are inconclusive plus what is best for one student might not be for another.

Action Items for the next meeting on Oct 12, 6:30:

- *Prayer-Breaking Open the Word
 - *Calendar Of Upcoming Events
 - *Family Skills Planning
 - *Spirit Families Update
 - *All-Day Kindergarten Research – ongoing
- *Please email any additions as they arise

Respectfully Submitted: Angie Doffing, Education Committee Chair