

Education Committee Minutes
August 24, 2009
St. Patrick Media Center
6:30 P.M.

Members Present: Mary Piasecki, Angie Doffing, Roxanna Dorsey, Lisa Dumont, Traci Haugh, Amy Matuga, Mary Seyer

Members Absent: Candy Taber

I. Opening Prayer: Mary Piasecki

*Minutes approved from July 20, 2009 meeting

II. Back to School Night:

- *Need volunteers from Education Committee to join Home & School plus staff.
- *Scrip table will be sent up with information and individual to answer questions.
- *Items being reviewed for the evening, overall traffic and student pictures.

III. Family Skills Update:

*Date set for the evening of Thursday November 5, 2009

*Set-up similar to last year...

*Tentative times: 5:15-6:15 Potluck (sandwiches/drink provided)

6:15-7:00 Main Speaker (Alice Heinzen)

She will focus on positive parenting/the stages of development of your child.

7:00-7:30 Open House-Sessions (possibilities)

*Deb Perfect-staying healthy-lunch game, H1N1, etc.

*Paper Folding-Mrs. Loughney

*Smart board demonstrations

*Internet/computer Safety

* Movement-tunnels, parachute, hula hoops, jump ropes

*Wii/Wii Fit-Mary Seyer check on older students and Dance, Dance Revolution

*Karate/Yoga

*Hand balancing game-with parents

*Staying Green-recycling/Environmental Club/Gardening

*Prayer/meditation-Larry

*Understanding your teenager

*Over scheduling

* Sports Medicine-Jolene Daulton or Dr. Young

*Supporting our Sister Parish-Guatemala

*Mary S. checking with Marty Jensen...to bring in fingerprinting and car seat checks.

*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

*This plan contains a three-tiered approach to address the needs of health and well being of the student and staff of the school

*Tier 1-Prevention, Tier 2-Action, Tier 3-Reaction (Zones within the school)

*Information will be handed out on Back to School Night

*Deb Perfect will be coming into the school addressing handwashing using a black light, appropriate usage of kleenex, overall staying healthy

V. Spirit Families Update:

*Mary will complete lists of 20 students from different grades to be a Spirit Family

*Families will guide each other with themes...example Responsibility

*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 at a parent survey and other paperwork needed

*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 Sept. 21, 6:30:

*Prayer

*Back to School Night – quick review

*Family Skills Update

*Spirit Families Update

*All-Day Kindergarten Research – ongoing

*Please email any additions as they arise

Respectfully Submitted: Angie Doffing, Education Committee Chair