

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes

February 19, 2008 @ 6:30pm

Present: Lisa Dumont, Mary Piasecki, Jen Mackley, Sere Leber, Amy Matuga, Angie Doffing, Carol Skinner

Prayer Mary Piasecki

Approval of previous month's minutes: Approved with no changes

SAFETY

- Update on Safety work group -- progress so far and next steps - IT person stepped up and will take it over.
- No parents volunteered.
- Part of issue is the bus traffic that backs up traffic.
- How are students notified when they need to act as school patrols? How do we ensure parents are notified? Mary will discuss with Mr D on reminder options and posting schedule-possibly RenWeb. Possibly kids could remind each other.
 - Mary did check with Mr D-the kids are reminded and a schedule goes home at beginning of year.
- Wait on Safe routes for school people and the city.

STUDENTS AND STAFF

Handbook-edits noted below:

A Typical student day

- School end time of 3:30pm
- Drop off and pick up rules revised-entry and exit doors changed
- Bike rack in back by playground
- Bus leave time the same

Lunch Program

- No lunch tickets
- Parents can eat lunch with children and use account
- Not bringing in fast food/types of lunches people can bring in

Snack break-all students have snack time please bring healthy snacks

Middle school-fruits and vegetables only

Some rooms may be designated peanut free-must read labels

Recess:

No changes

Behavior expectations

- Respect Responsible and safe for the

Mass/Prayer services

- During Lent special services once a week

School Roles and Responsibilities

- Admission Policies: actively supporting-do we need to define
- Special needs: add to this regarding health issues that we cannot accommodate.

Typical class size: K-8 guideline is 24

Office hours: 8-4pm/ voice and email msgs may be left at any time.

School webpage-add in RenWeb for school homework and parent information

Report cards and conferences:

- National junior Honor society
- Add in if you choose you can have them sent via email
- Email alerts:

We will continue the next time. 15 minutes per agenda---starting with Non-custodial parents.

Uniform Policy – Mary met with MS kids if they are out of uniform-lose next spirit day.

- Possibly could student council take ownership of this. Mary met with them to try and work this out.
- Possibility of adding in dress uniform for special days.

Before/after school programs and clubs

- Mary would like to see something get activated...she will put out something in the note home. .for book/chess/ other clubs like art club. Currently-Nat. Junior Honor Society/student council, environmental club, newspaper etc currently. They will send out invitation to people if they are interested in starting a club. Possibly charge small amount of money and give person is stipend. Chess club, scrap-booking, drama, sewing, mission, book club, drama/poetry-creative writing, science, peer tutoring, gardening. Other ideas could be given to Mary before it goes out.

FAITH COMMUNITY

- Family Skills workshop;
- @55 adults attended/20 kids (childcare was packed)
- Possibly if going to be long-put kids in some type of gym
- Mary recommended possibly doing on school night-weekends are so hard for people. Get one speaker-new person. No breakouts just one person speak and then do questions. Possibly do on Wed night to get RFP people involved.
- Mary did a web presentation-possibly do it again...home and school?
- Working with faith formation....Sere brought up how we can bring catholicism into family as a suggestion.

STEWARDSHIP

- Possibly new people to call (Ken) getting out the stewardship book. New people do phone calls. As new families come to the school-people do welcome them.

Next agenda:

How to increase the number of volunteers at the school.
Handbook

Closing

Next Meeting: May 20-6:00pm, St Pat's School Library

Any questions/comments should be directed to Mary Piasecki at mgpiasecki@yahoo.com

Respectfully Submitted,

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