School Advisory Board Meeting
26 August 2014

Board Members:

Those Present: Brad Burchfield; John Clarke; Kerri O'Malley; Meg Allwein; Jamie Caridi; Dan DeMatte; David Sybert; Janet Weisner; David Bourke; Mark Quinlan; Fr. Dury

Those Absent: Carla Breckenridge; Karen Page; Pat McJoynt Griffith

Others Present: Marian Knox, teacher rep

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Meg Allwein

(Last month's) meeting minutes were amended and approved

Pastor's Remarks:

- Father Dury stresses that our teachers are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ first and foremost
- Primary Mission here at the school is not about having our youth *feel* good, but about teaching them to *do* good (Striving to be virtue based) because in doing good, we will truly feel goodness
- Father was approached about the possibility of having a Dominican Sister from Poland be in a kindergarten room two days per week to visit the classroom and assist, where possible, while she is improving on her language.

Principal's Report:

- Library Updates – turned library into more of a media center with Laptops and iPads
- Currently expanding tutor rooms
- New Staff:
    - Mrs. Assman (English/Social)
    - Miss Stebelton – Kindergarten
    - Art Teacher – 2 days / wk
    - Spanish Teacher- OSU graduate
    - New K Aide – Karen Callaghan (Miss S's room)
- Enrollment:
    - 263 Total (does not include pre-school)
    - 35 Kindergarten (full)
    - 45 Pre-School
    - Maximum Capacity – 35 in every classroom (280)
- No new courses of study or curriculum
- Health Course of Study is being review this year by diocese
- Diocese working on religious course of study
    - Selecting text books at the end of this year
    - 6 tasks of catechesis
        - Knowledge of Faith

        - Meaning of Liturgy and Sacrament
        - Promoting Moral formation
        - Teaching how to pray
        - Living the mission of the Church
        - Promote Christianity in the larger society
- New Initiatives:
    - Star Reading, Star Math, Early Literacy
    - School Speak Program
        - Database Management
        - Sends Emails
        - Prints Progress Reports
    - Safety Plans, Blueprints, 360 Videos, etc.
    - Last year of Ohio Catholic School of Accreditation – big report due at the end of the year
    - John Peterson Scholarships – IEP students, providing financial support for families that needed extra IEP support
        - We are now a provider for this instead of a site
        - With this families are able to use the money in a better way
        - We will 3rd party contract services – we are responsible for progress reports and billing, etc.
        - This will help us better serve families in the long run because they will be able to use all the scholarship money provided to them
        - Roughly 20 children on this

Committee Reports:

- Finance Report:
    - Last years Budget actual was submitted.
    - Bingo Questions – the income for this continues to decrease. How sustainable of a profit is this?
    - Should we review our fundraising initiatives completely? Should we set up a committee to do this?
- Public Relations:
    - This committee serves as a means to maintain and promote enrollment
    - They were active last year and will continue to help this grow

Election of 2014-2015 Officers:

- Nominations of David as president, Meg as vice president, and Dan as secretary
- All voted in favor
- New 2014-15 Appointments:
    - David Sybert – President
    - Meg Allwein – Vice President
    - Dan DeMatte – Secretary

Strategic Plan:

- Plan was overviewed
- Open Discussion:
    - Major goal this year is to brainstorm how to establish a large sustainable endowment for the school and to further investigate fundraising opportunities
    - Some Options Put on the table –

        - Drill down on alumni database
        - Facebook Alumni page
        - Alumni Directory
        - St. Catharine Summer Camp (like Bexley Summer Camp) that could provide some income
    - Concluded: Give more time to this discussion, possibly start a subcommittee

Next meeting: Oct 14th 2014

Meeting adjourned by new President, David Sybert at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Dan DeMatte.