



NATIVITY^{of}MARY SCHOOL

Nativity of Mary School Advisory Council

Minutes from October 27, 2016

Present: Father Zehren, Mindy Reeder, Laura DePoint, Jeff Giles, Lydia Sokoto, Jody Lazo, Susie Valentine, Virginia Downey, Holly Long, Kathy Daggett, Becky Egan, Dan Riley, John Polvony, and John Aune.

Administrative

- Opening Prayer
- September 2016 Minutes Approved with 1 correction

Discussion Topics/Updates

Principal's Report

- **Enrollment:** Preschool: 2 Day – 17; 3 Day – 20; 5 Day – 21= 58 (Goal: 60 by August) K-30; 1-27; 2 – 38; 3 – 36; 4 – 33; 5 – 32; 6 – 27; 7 – 31; 8 – 27 Total: 339 (August 2015 – 309) **Goal for 2016: 330 (surpassed at 338 as of October 1) Goal for next five years: 400**
- **Curriculum:** No updates at this time, beginning to review Language Arts curriculum.
- **Faith:** Nativity of Mary adopted Virtues theme for 2016-17 year.
 - Focused on Family and Community in September and October.
 - Focus on Vulnerable & Poverty in November and December.
- **Technology/STEM – Maker's Space:**
 - Students using maker space
 - Engineering a part of new science instruction
- **Staff:** ☑ MEA Workshops: Responsive Classroom for 6-8; Technology for Prek-Grade 5 ☑ Meeting with grade level teams: PLCS groups in science and language arts
- **Licensing & Accreditation:**
 - Parent Aware – process and application is started
 - K-8 Accreditation MNSAA – Final documents due December 15, 2016 for updates to our Strategic Plan and other follow up reports.
- **Marketing:**
 - Advertising: Fall tours Sun Current; Partnerships – exercise clubs and student clubs; Online continuing – twitter, Instagram and FB.
 - School-wide brochure: In development
 - Website: In development
 - Annual Report: Completed and sent out to parishes
 - Alumni Mailing: In development
 - Heritage Days: Sent out brochures and folders; set up new tours
 - Signage Needs: Building & Street Sign (longer term) – in development
 - Marketing Grant Request: CSCOE granted Nativity \$5,000 towards marketing
- **Budget/Fundraising:** Preparing for Annual Appeal and Read-A-Thon

Teacher's Report

- Grandparents/Special Friends Day 10/7/16
 - Largest attendance to date
 - PreK was included
- Middle School Responsive training held on Wednesday 10/19/16
 - Positive feedback/results
- K-5 Technology training held on Wednesday 10/19/16
- Bully Free Week 10/24-10/28
 - Visitors and alumni are well received
 - Brick wall in cafeteria new this year
 - Asks students to make a commitment and build on each other
- Proposal from teachers
 - Celebrate "Good Samaritans" in our school from our volunteers

2016-2017 Strategic Priority

- Marketing Committee-John Aune
 - Presented Minutes from 10/11/16 Marketing Committee Meeting
 - \$15,000 total budget includes the \$5,000 from CSCOE
 - New Website Nativity.school
 - CSCOE is driving a "Faithful Beginnings" promotions for PreK that Nativity will do
 - Working on Signage
- Lunch Program – Kathy and John
 - Committee is formed
 - Proposal to SAC by January
- PTO-Jeff and Virginia
 - Met on 10/26/16
 - Group of roughly 12 parents
 - Will plan social over the next 3-4 weeks to get parents involved
- Safety – Mindy
 - No response on grant yet
 - Changes must be made by the end-of-year
- Expansion – Dan
 - Met with staff
 - New design options are being priced
- Strategic Planning Committee
 - Jody Lazo and Holly Long are newest members
 - Nativity 2.0

PTO Bylaws

- Approved

Launching a New Year Response

- Positive feedback received for holding it in the Church
- Same parent attendance

Meeting Adjourned

Next SAC meeting will be on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 7:00 am