



NATIVITY^{of}MARY SCHOOL

Nativity of Mary School Advisory Council

Minutes from November 17, 2016

Present: Father Zehren, Mindy Reeder, Laura DePoint, Jeff Giles, Lydia Sokoto, Jody Lazo, Virginia Downey, Brian Comeau, and John Polvony.

Administrative

- Opening Prayer
- October 2016 Minutes Approved with 1 correction

Discussion Topics/Updates

Principal's Report

- **Enrollment:** 339 students total
- **Curriculum:** Teachers are reviewing Voyages from Loyola Press, new grammar/writing curriculum. Preschool is reviewing Creative Curriculum and Early Learning Success.
- **Faith:** Nativity of Mary adopted Virtues theme for 2016-17 year.
 - Focus on Vulnerable & Poverty in November and December.
 - Middle School Leadership is adopting a school wide service project to assist families for the Christmas season
- **Technology/STEM – Maker's Space:**
 - Students use Ozobots in various grades
 - Creating videos
- **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 most key documents submitted. Finalizing assessment focus and Develop website.
 - We will be rated and then families may receive scholarships for our school.
 - K-8 Accreditation MNSAA – Final documents due December 15, 2016 for updates to our Strategic Plan and other follow up reports.
- **Fundraising:**
 - Rake-a-Thon raised \$905 from donations.
 - Read-a-thon runs from 11/7/16 – 11/30/16. Goal is \$40,000
 - Annual Appeal/Nativity Angels: December through end of Catholic Schools' Week. Targeted to families who support the school through the Schulz Foundation Grant.
 - Received \$5,000 Grant from Safety from the City of Bloomington Police Dept.
 - Applying for Staff Grant through CSCOE.

- **Marketing:**
 - Advertising: Online continuing – Twitter, Instagram, and FaceBook. Fliers created for January Open House to be delivered to all parishes in area and extended churches/locations through December.
 - School-wide brochure: In development
 - Website: In development
 - Alumni Mailing: In development
 - Signage Needs: Building & Street Sign (longer term) – in development
 - Marketing Grant Request: CSCOE granted Nativity \$5,000 towards marketing

2016-2017 Strategic Priority

- Marketing Committee
 - Ean (Communication/Marketing Specialist) will attend December SAC meeting.
 - Suggestion to add flyers received in the communication folder to the website's News & Notes section.
 - New ads for extended parishes in development.
- Lunch Program
 - Kathy and John are still in the research phase.
- PTO
 - 12/9/16 PTO event planned.
- Safety
 - Received \$5,000 grant
 - Next steps: begin new badge system research
- Expansion
 - Planning phase

Nativity 2.0 Next Steps

- Different curriculum options – previous discussions
 - STEM
 - Preparatory
 - Language Arts
- Jody & Holly are newest members

Spirit of Spring/Fund a Need Priorities

- Mindy is meeting with the committee after Thanksgiving
- Fund a Need?
 - Science Center
 - Makers Space
 - Art
 - New Language Arts Curriculum

Parish Update

- New Medical plan costs received from the Archdiocese
- Effective 1/1/17

School Budget/Tuition for 2017-2018

- Parish discussion 11/17/16
- Tuition decision is due January

Meeting Adjourned

Next SAC meeting will be on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 7:00 am