

School Committee Meeting

August 25, 2015

Attendees: Fr. Paul Rutten, Fr. Mike Wensing, Carol Dagel, Anne Hanson, Pete Bauman, Jeff Mullenhoff, Patty Foley, Michelle Himmerich, Ray Kranz, and Angel Oeltjenbruns.

Opening Prayer led by Fr. Wensing.

Wensing motioned to approved minutes, second by Mullenhoff.

Financial Report presented by Oeltjenbruns. Statement of Activities reviewed. Reports using the new Connect Now accounting system. Additional accounts will continue to be added to be within the accounting system. KOT program has had a successful year. With the implementation of the SMART tuition program payments came more evenly over the year. Tuition payments up to 25% families enrolled in online payment methods. Scrip program has online programs available and will continue to inform parents and parishioners of the options. Financial Audit – do not have final report at this time. No exceptions or concerns are expected.

Principal's Report presented by Dagel. Dagel attended the "Our Legacy of Faith Thanksgiving Celebration" which was an appreciation for those families who started an endowment for our school. Through this endowment process funds were raised for future teacher's salaries at Immaculate Conception School. Also part of the 125th Diocesan Legacy event the IC certified staff and administration attended a Catholic School Inservice on the importance of the school curriculum needs to relate to the Lord and incorporate the Catholic point of view across all subject areas. IC will be using the Virtues in Practice Lesson Plans as virtues lessons will be incorporated in daily religion classes, morning prayer and throughout the day.

Faculty inservice was Aug 24th-25th which included Mass, Called by Name group prayer, learning about Scholastic Science Program, teaching of Spanish, website construction, and more. Each certified teacher will have a website for their classroom. School open house was the 24th from 3-6pm. The Sharp Family and the Kiwanis group donated a Scholastic Oasis Reading Center including 1200 books, shelves, bean bags, rug and a bench for our students to enjoy an environment of reading. A dedication was held at the open house. Preparations have begun for Watertown KiYi week with Mr. Joe Dalton helping as part of his college practicum.

School Calendar - State requires 57750 minutes for the school calendar. State approved IC calendar with 63000 minutes. Typical day is 8:22 AM to 3:20PM which is 360 minutes in a day. Reviewed school calendar. Minor changes made to public school calendar since the IC calendar was published. IC has fewer half days than Watertown Public. Neither school families nor teachers like half days due to loss of interest by students and lack of productivity. IC teachers have input on the creation of the calendar.

Add Task Force to next mtg agenda.

Closing Prayer led by Fr. Rutten.