

School Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2009
6:30pm

Attendance: Clark Gridley, Matt Hietpas, Jane Connell, Bill Schlise, Tricia Ognar, Jane Bolland, Laura Maly, Matt Linn, Michele Weinschrott, Lauren Beckman, Tom Zale.

1. Call to Order & Prayer
2. Pastor's Report (Fr. Dennis) – 10 min
- N/A
3. Principal's Report (Lauren) – 15 minutes

Preparations began to commence fine arts project and media center. Will not know about funding for 2 weeks. Some class room moves are in process as well.

End of year concerts were great
Awards day was a hit.
Eighth grade rituals were moving
Evidence of project-based learning is clear in the classrooms.
New science teacher has been hired. Kevin Reitman, in his 3rd year of teaching.
His mom was a principal in the Arch.

K- Structural layouts. Lauren spoke with parents who expressed concerns. Based on feedback, we are moving to flex groupings. No specific alignment with a single teacher in the afternoon. Alignment will be based on student needs.

Schedule starts with core curriculum. Specials: PE, Art, Music, Library media, World Languages. Can we extend the school day? Parental response was not very positive. Still working on it.

H&S funded 2 new smart boards. Will be in grades 4-6. Hoping to get document cameras; can project any document onto smart board "live". Very exciting!

Discovery Project: Developing on-line replacement courses for high ability students. Up to five students (7-8 graders).

Technology will be dropped from report cards in the fall. Tech is a tool, not a class.

Replacement of teacher desktops is being planned. Smart boards need their own computers. Hardware is five years old now. Go to laptops? PC v. Mac?

4. Discernment – 30 minutes

The following positions have been filled as follows:

Policy: Tricia Ognar

Development: Michelle Weinschrott

Marketing: Michael DeMichele

5. Stakeholder's Meeting Recap

- More marketing of event. Save the date, sell the agenda, introduce teachers.
- Change the name. "Annual Report to Parents"
- May: Too busy of a month? Move to April?
- Make mandatory again?
- Clark's Marketing Event: Successful due to calling/e-mailing campaign. Use direct marketing for K parents for the Stakeholder's meeting?

Communication idea: Issue monthly calendar in hard copy. Also, add a regular spot for SAB in Family Matters.

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