

Mount Carmel School Board Meeting
October 3, 2017
Minutes

Attendees - Teresa Anthony, Maureen Arnott, Andrew Barty, Jen Bruzzone, Carmen Corona, Fr. Ulysses D'Aquila, Ed Gory, Marie Hersh, Colleen Langridge, Jackie Nunez, Adam Plumpton, Karen Sammons

Prayer – Fr. Ulysses

Introductions

Pastor's Report – Fr. Ulysses D'Aquila

- Religious Ed is up and running – 80 First Communion students (2 year program) and 67 Confirmation students, and 6 RCIA participants.
- Parking Lot/yard project is looking like it has come in under budget (waiting for last figures from contractor)
- Church carpet needs replacing. Might use another flooring option.

Principal's Report – Teresa Anthony

- Mid-quarter reports will be posted Friday (except 3rd grade). Report cards will be posted electronically this year.
- STAR test results will be disclosed & explained to parents during Conference Week. First round of testing is complete. We will have 3 more rounds this year.
- All Aide positions are filled (160 hours/week total).
- Last year, we had several families leave or tell us they were leaving at this time of year. This year, we are stable.
- Fall Fundraiser has ended. We have a large overage of chocolate this year, possibly due to hot weather.
- Auction is in full swing. Still looking for donations. Bidding this year will be mobile, no paper, no classroom displays. Dinner will be offered from food trucks in the yard.
- One of our parent's employer donated workers and equipment to clean the folding chairs. Another parent's company donated a water bottle filler, including installation.

Pre-Kindergarten Programs – Maureen Arnott

- Everything's up and running smoothly
- They have a new backpack "corrall" for a Kid's Place students. Which means they are no longer spread all over the courtyard.

Faculty Report – Jen Bruzzone (WASC/WCEA)

- Jen Bruzzone, Janice Scherba, Kalei Ching (team leaders)
- We need to be recertified every 6 years.
- Self-study process to evaluate long-term success and viability
- Outside team will come to validate self-study
- Described process and timeline of 2 year recertification process
- Explained "Mission & Philosophy" and process of creating updated versions of both.
- Side discussion ensued about how best to market the fact that we have an academically rigorous curriculum AND a vibrant resource program AND are a "diverse" community. How do we win over people who think all three cannot co-exist?

Finance Committee Report – Kelly Keniston

- Met and revised budget presented in the spring to reflect new student population (adjusted budget to allow for a smaller than student count)

Parent Services Report – Marie Hersh

- School Foodies is providing 80+ lunches/day
- Friday Lunch – will do a student survey to evaluate pasta vs. pizza Friday lunch option
- Halloween – try to get room parents to minimize sweet treats at class Halloween parties and offer more healthful snacks.
- Maureen Arnott remarked that we are now offering Homework Center to all kids, not just those at A Kid's Place. Fee for non- AKP students is \$12/session.

PTG Report – Karen Sammons

- Class Socials are underway.
- Spirit Wear (coordinator - Anna Suayan – 6th gr. room parent) is considering using a different vendor.
- Book Fair is set to go November 6th – 9th.

Sports Program Report – Ed Gory

- We are midway through baseball/volleyball season
- We desperately need a track commissioner!

Announcements

- Teresa asked that we encourage families to attend the Well Balanced Child presentation at IHM.

Meeting adjourned – 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.