

**Mother of Good Counsel
School Committee
October 4th, 2011 6pm**

Present: Fr. Bob, P.Morse, D.Scholz, J.Schwartz, R.Shaw, R.Tourtillott, Erica S, S.Gleesing, J.Humm

Absent: C.Conway, T.Carey-Perry

Opening Prayer – Fr. Bob

- I. **10 Minute Open Discussions.** The question was raised concerning the cook staff in the cafeteria – do we have a back-up plan in case both do not show up some day? – Regina said there is a supply of pizzas in the freezer kept on hand for that purpose. Regina will also discuss with the cafeteria staff for further planning.
- II. **Review of Minutes.** Other than the correction of the names of several teachers, the minutes were approved as written.
- III. **Principal's update on discipline and current enrollment numbers**
 - a. Update from Regina – Back in August a teacher team and Regina reworked the DISCIPLINE POLICY/PROGRAM. The School committee reviewed it in August and it was accepted. At the 9/30/11 in-service day, the teachers reviewed the program's progress. Reflections and common language were all well liked. Students are reacting well. 'Thumbs up' means quiet. So far there seems to be less arguing. Detentions are Tuesdays & Thursdays in the library. Names of those to serve detentions are read over the PA system at 3:10p – a public shame of sorts. One second grader is on probation as of about 1 ½ weeks ago. Tardiness is also down. Shawn expressed concern over discipline in the 5th grade over the years. It has 18 boys and 7 girls. Last, the 3rd Friday of September count was 230.
 - b. Specific update from Regina on enrollment – we are down 2 from August. One child moved away and one child left due to medical issues. 228 = 213 K4 thru 8 & 15 in 3K.
 - c. Speaking of 3K – we had set a maximum of 12 children but we now have 15. To accommodate this, an assistant was hired – Chris Tourtillott. The 3K hours are 7:30a to 11 a.
 - d. There are some 15 children [both 3K & 4K] in the Extended Care [EC] program.
 - e. Enrollment demographics: Of the 228 students, 93 are parishioners & 135 are not. Choice – 178 students and 50 are tuition-paying.
 - f. Ms. Vega, Mrs. Johnston, Ms. Berger & Mrs. Carlson are members of the 'Learning Support Team.' They are charged with setting up a professional development plan. The team is aiming to meet three times per school year. This team will also work with the school committee's curriculum committee.

IV. Committee Updates

- a. Finance Update – enrollment – see above
- b. Curriculum Update – Committee consists of Jon Humm chair & members Regina Shaw, Amy Kallman, Laura Fischer and Betsy Rogo. They will meet 3 times a year along with the Learning Support Team.
- c. 'Engineering is Elementary' Update – there are units taught per grade – one each semester. Reminder – there will be a Science Night January 31, 2012; a MATH NIGHT this coming February and a READING NIGHT in March.
- d. Regina said the theme for the coming school year is "He Reigns." Reign stands for Responsible, Enthusiastic, Intelligent, Generous, Noble and Salvadorians. These will be themes for the various months of the school year.

V. Miscellaneous

- a. Shawn and a few others suggested an MGC night at the near-by St. Pius Skate Rink. Fr. Bob said there would need to be 15 – 20 volunteers to staff it. We'll continue the discussion and likely involve Home and School.
- b. Fr. Bob said Sue Nelson of the Archdiocese is accommodating a dialogue between MGC & St. Margaret Mary. This dialogue is at the parish level. One task that is currently being planned is a survey to gauge satisfaction with the schools. Several things that could easily be shared are shared professional development, combined purchasing and field trips.
- c. Erica asked about the school health program. Regina said sexual awareness is taught after Easter in the 4th grade and higher. Erica also suggested middle school visits to near-by Catholic colleges in Milwaukee to increase awareness. We'll continue this exploration.
- d. Chris Conway has resigned her position with the committee.

Closing Prayer – Joanne

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 2nd, 6pm

Minutes submitted by Pat Morse