

Mother of Good Counsel School Committee
August 12, 2009 Meeting Minutes
6:30 P.M. at Susie Stoner's House

*****Ammended and Approved 9/2/09*****

Attendance: T. Braun, S. Gleesing, D. Brunow, R. Tourtillott, L. Fischer, J. Schwartz, Fr. Bob, R. Shaw, J. Sowinski, S. Stoner

Absent: A. Sanchez

Open Discussion: A concern was raised over reading now being taught by all middle school teachers rather than having a designated teacher for reading at that level...R. Shaw assured all that planning was being done in this areas, that all teachers are qualified to handle teaching reading and that the curriculum will not suffer.

Another concern was raised regarding the need to keep moving forward with an emphasis on writing. Rubrics should be shared and the concern will be shared with staff.

No May Minutes... Tony will call Rose Dodd for minutes. From this meeting forward all minutes will be approved at the subsequent meeting and then posted on-line and in the church vestibule.

Regina's Updates: No staff changes...Barb Tyler no longer with us...Regina and Barbara Baumann will take over her responsibilities. Jackie Lichter is now an 80% employee.

Enrollment =244...we ended 08-09 at 237

Choice Students = 53 parishioners (+11 from 08-09) 110 non-parishioners (+8 from 08-09)

Tuition Paying = 70 parishioners 11 non-parishioners

08-09 graduated 28 students...7 students left to attend Tosa Open

Enrollment...2 moved out of area...8 to other area schools

09-10...7 new families to the school became parish members as well.

Expulsions: This topic was discussed

Upcoming 6th grade class: A whole class/parent meeting can be set up to set the tone for this school year. Teachers will also be in-serviced on building community, positive class environment, etc. This will help for all stakeholders have common language where this area is concerned. Regina will look into a possible day of retreat for 6th graders.

Consistency regarding school wide discipline was emphasized as it is written in the Parent Handbook. Staff needs to be diligent to establish a positive Christian learning atmosphere in order to have it carry on all year.

State Fair Project will be handled differently...new teacher...updated rubrics.

Summer School ran this summer for about 50 students as means of enrichment. 8th graders took part in an algebra enrichment class. All 8th graders received information for this FREE opportunity. Phone calls were also made to each 8th grade home making sure that all families knew of the opportunity. Students that took part in this program will have an advantage as they begin algebra this year. Ms. Vega and Mrs. Keller will team teach the advanced algebra group M-TH. Mrs. Keller is the math instructor for the remaining middle school. No eighth grade curriculum was overlooked as it was covered in seventh grade.

Future School Committee Meeting Dates for 09-10: 9/2, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2, 1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 4/14, 5/5 @ 6:00 P.M. in the school library.

New Positions for 09-10: Chair: Laura Fischer Secretary: Susie Stoner

Respectfully submitted by Susie Stoner