

# St. Sebastian School Education Committee Meeting

Thursday, 5/21 6:30-8:30 PM Multipurpose Room  
Joe Desch Cell Number: 915 9529

**Attendance:**

	Melissa Karls Coor		Maureen O'Meara Rowen
	Joe Desch		Jill Schmid
	Elizabeth Drew		
	Paul Hohl		Audrey Keppler- Skwierawski
	Sha'Nese Burnell Jones		Cheryl Warner
	Kathy Kirkpatrick		H & S Rep
	Kevin Mullen		Steve Dodridge
	Brent Nistler		
	Reanna Ottoson		

## AGENDA

**Opening Prayer**

Steve

**Approval of Minutes**

All

- Approved via email

**Principal's Report**

Hohl

- Non choice ITBS test scores are in for both individual students and grades as a group
- Choosing a middle school math textbook was discussed and is ongoing – there is no consensus of a favorite among local high school teachers
- Discussion about decision of State Joint Finance Committee budget proposals, including no Badger exam next year and to change common core
- There will be no outdoor back to school mass, but there will be an indoor mass with a visiting choir from Europe and then outdoor activities following mass
- Some staffing changes will be announced in the near future

**Committee Reports:**

- Parish Council Dodridge
  - Discussion re: clustering with MGC, could improve buying power, allow for sharing resources and securing better speakers; Fr. Larry likes the idea; could also prevent against being involuntarily clustered with a different parish in the future
  - Outside reflection area at the south end of the gathering space being created; with a cross and pedestal; Cub Scouts and 7<sup>th</sup> graders are assisting
  - Barb Veet, a speaker on stewardship, is coming back in September for additional consulting
  - Parish is developing a stewardship database
- Home and School Drew
  - \$332 raised from Chancery event
- Finance Mullen
  - MGC clustering and new governance structure discussed. The new governance structure will be presented to the Arch in July; still undecided whether Ed Committee will fall under parish counsel or finance committee; discussion that finance committee structurally consists of a majority of parish council members; 4k all day program discussed

**Old Business**

- Strategic Planning
  - Review feedback from All Parent meeting
    - Small Group Meeting again
      - Finalize three themes

- All day K4 proposal
- Weather Closings Policy
  - Current Policy: EMERGENCY CLOSINGS  
*If school will not be in session due to inclement weather or other emergency conditions, that notice will be carried on the major AM or FM radio stations (WTMJ 620 AM - WKTI 94.5 FM) and the local television stations (channels 6,12,58). Also, if MPS (Milwaukee Public Schools) or Wauwatosa School District closes, it is automatic; we, too, are closed. The radio and/or TV is the official notice. The school office will not be open on "snow days". We will do our best to send out a school closed e-mail or post the closing on our school voice mail, but that may not always be possible. Please note: St. Sebastian School will not be listed by name on the radio unless there is some unique emergency, other than the weather, that would necessitate the cancellation of classes for the day.*
  - Proposals
    - Tosa only
    - Catholic Schools Principal Consortium
    - Paul makes the call
    - Any change would be for 15/16 year
    - Lisa Miske spoke in favor of a change
    - No recommendation from a majority of the committee on a change at this time
- Dress Code changes agreed

### **New Business**

- Update on Open House – 10 families signed up, mostly with younger students
- Update on Best Practices In Annual Funds (Molly Ambrose attended) – discussion of moving away from multiple fundraisers to increase focus on remaining fundraisers
- Catholic Schools Walk
  - Marketing would like to take this on as their next big project
  - Ed needs to determine what monies raised would go towards and give direction to Marketing – suggestions to be emailed to Joe
- Technology update
  - Chrome Books – 25hange to be shared through a "Cart" system
- Announcement of new members (bios)
  - Anne Novotny
  - Cynthia Schoonover
  - Brent Nistler New Chair

**Closing Prayer:**

Steve

Next Meeting: Thursday, 6/11 at 6:30PM – MP room      Sha'Nese – Prayer/Refreshments