

# St. Sebastian School Education Committee Meeting

Thursday, 2/19 6:00-8:30 PM Multipurpose Room  
Joe Desch Cell Number: 915 9529

**Attendance:**

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

## AGENDA

**Opening Prayer**

Kevin

**Approval of Minutes**

All

- Approved via email

**Principal's Report**

Warner

Budget issues – need to plan for 38,000 dollars in potential cuts. Consensus was that other than textbooks, committee would need to look for 'creative' changes to school programming. Committee would rather make targeted than across the board cuts, and need more information to make decisions on that. Committee member brought up the fact that revenue could be easily increased by holding non choice tithers accountable and auditing those payments.

Hot Lunch Program – may consider outsourcing in future, looking at options

Testing- Grades 3-8 choice take Badger exam, non-choice take ITBS

**Committee Reports:**

- Parish Council Dodridge – 3/15 all parish forum  
– would like Ed Committee reps to attend to promote both the school and Ed Committee; volunteers needed to be "recorders" – key question is "How do you perceive your community of St. Seb's?"
- Home and School Drew - high interest day  
going well. Issue with people not paying home and school dues. Experiment with assigning certain grades to activities (eg teacher dinner) appears to be going well.
- Finance Mullen – waiting for engineering  
report on K5 wall (if there is one)

**Old Business**

- Strategic planning update
  - Follow-up on themes from Listening Session
    - Ed Cmte to take six themes and rank in importance – send to Joe by 2/23/15 with comments
      - Curriculum (with a likely sub category of "technology")
      - Faculty and Administration
      - Facilities
      - Finances
      - Marketing/Outreach

- Parent Involvement/Volunteers
      - Teachers will do the same
      - Combine and use to formulate draft of plan for March
      - Once finalized presented to community by May
- 2015-16 Ed Committee new members
  - Joe, Audrey terms up
    - Brent taking full 3 year term
    - Reducing back to 9 members
      - Need two
    - Molly A will act as liaison from Marketing as necessary, not full member of Ed.
  - Need a new chair
- Standardized Testing Update
  - the committee considered standardized testing and adopted the recommendation of the principal to proceed with ITBS for non-choice grades 3, 5, 7

### **New Business**

- Review Budget Proposals (community wide 65k shortfall) (see Principal's report for detail on discussion, above)
  - Updated info from Jo Ann (will re-forward Paul's email)
  - Re-examine "asks"
  - Forward questions/concerns from community members to Paul
  - Paul expects better enrollment
    - Strong open house and many families recruiting – 2 new students this week
    - Expect a clearer picture of numbers in March
- Open House Follow-up
  - Marketing Committee suggestions (and assistance)
    - Initial call/note of thanks (paul has made initial follow-up)
    - Grade level teacher to touch base with family
    - Peer family to contact
    - Note of thanks from grade specific students
- Weather Closing Policy Proposals
  - 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 - WTKI 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, no change now.
  - **Committee voted 5-1 to keep status quo**
- March "Forum"

“March 15, 2015 / 1:00 – 3:30 PM / St. Sebastian Church Hall.

Hear the *State of Saint Sebastian Parish* presentation, visit the ministry fair, join in the small group discussions. Your participation will help Fr. Larry and other parish leaders develop the vision for our faith community. To respond, [CLICK HERE](http://stsebs2015parishforum.eventbrite.com) or go to [stsebs2015parishforum.eventbrite.com](http://stsebs2015parishforum.eventbrite.com).

Attendees are encouraged to bring a statement of less than 20 words with their current perceptions of this parish community.

Contact person: Carole Poth at [cpoth@saintsebs.org](mailto:cpoth@saintsebs.org)

Also, Joe Cayen will present the volunteer management database that he is piloting at St Sebastian.”

- Jill to elaborate
- Ed Committee role?
- Ed Committee requests for assistance?

**Closing Prayer:**

Kevin

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Reanna – Prayer/Refreshments