

**St. Sebastian School**  
**Education Committee Meeting**  
***Minutes in Italics***

Thursday, 1/15 6:00-8:30 PM Multipurpose Room  
 Joe Desch Cell Number: 915 9529

**Attendance:**

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

**AGENDA**

**Opening Prayer**

Elizabeth

**Approval of Minutes**

All

- *Approved via email*

**Principal's Report**

Hohl

- *Paul attended Badger Exam webinar*
  - *TOPS management system was the focus*
- *To prepare students for this test*
  - *Smarter practice test*
  - *Badger will also have a practice test*
- *Paul reported we are required by the Arch to test non-choice 3,5,7, along with Choice students in grades 3-8*
  - *No details on cost yet*
  - *Discussion on pros/cons of tests (Iowa Basic Vs. Badger)*
    - *Leaning towards Badger*
- *Discussion of Summer Academy*
  - *Sign-up by 2/02*
  - *Discussion of 2 weeks(pay only) Vs. 4(Choice & Pay)*
- *Choice update*
  - *Paul managed the transition to a temporary +50% according to discussions in November and with PC*
  - *16 current Sebs students enrolled for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester as choice*
- *Paul reported of return visit to School Foundation to request (again) a gift in honor of Sebs 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He presented an updated proposal for Chrome Books. No word yet from Foundation on this gift request.*
- *8<sup>th</sup> grad HS acceptance notices*
  - *all but 3 accepted as of now (others waiting to hear from schools)*
  - *The largest percentage of students is headed to Pius this year.*
- *DC trip money due for March 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip*
- *6<sup>th</sup> grade outdoor education planning underway*
- *School has a number of 'fun things' planned for Catholic Schools week.*

**Committee Reports:**

- Parish Council Dodridge
  - *Steve reported on December/January PC meetings*
- Home and School Drew

- Elizabeth reported on last two H&S meetings
- Finance Mullen
  - Kevin reported on the last Finance meeting

### Old Business

- Strategic planning update
  - Tom K sent updated ideas, will review with him and discuss at Feb meeting
- Student survey complete
  - Ed Cmte members just received
- Follow-up on themes from Listening Session
  - See first bullet point
- January Open House (Sunday 1/25)
  - Someone to speak at 1/25 mass?
    - **To be decided with Paul**
  - Saturday night needs
    - Joe to email help reminder to Ed
  - Sunday need
    - Ed cmte members signed up (have help from H&S as well)
- 2015-16 Ed Committee new members
  - Joe, Audrey and Brent terms up
    - Members encouraged to seek out possible new members, folks passionate about education and its rapidly changing nature. Members asked forward names to me, we will reach out and ask folks to "prayerfully consider" serving the community in this capacity
  - Need a new chair
    - Members to prayerfully consider serving the committee (and community) in this capacity
  - 9 members

### New Business

- 1<sup>st</sup> run of budget
  - Paul presented a working document from Finance that showed a first run of 15/16 school budget. He solicited Ed Cmte feedback on priorities and encouraged committee to play with the document.
    - Members requested that school income be included to gain a fuller picture of budget.
    - Paul will take priorities discussed and plug into budget for discussion at next meeting.
  - Areas of focus
    - 2015 k5 only 15 students?
    - Incoming k4?
      - Much discussion of the importance of a strong K3/K4 environment to attract new families. Ties in with goals of strategic planning, new Marketing committee and general trend in education.
- Feedback from New Family Follow-up calls
  - Members reported on their outreach to new families soliciting input on their experiences at Sebs to date. Of those who responded, generally very positive feedback. Areas of concern noted in feedback will be forwarded to Paul for action.
- A request was made to add school weather closing policy to February meeting for discussion. Concerns brought forward by a number of parents.

### Closing Prayer:

Elizabeth

Next Meeting: Thursday, 2/19 at 6:30PM – Multipurpose Room

Kevin – Prayer/Refreshments