

Corpus Christi Catholic School

Council Minutes

Friday, February 19, 2010

PRESENT: John Flynn, Randy Larkin, Matt Brungardt, Kathleen Hodge, Quintin Schonewise, Amy Clark, Steve Schwada, and Fr. Mick Mulvany. Staff—Mary Mattern and Trish Arnold.

PRAYER: Led by Fr. Mick.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kathleen Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes and Amy Clark seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SCHOOL REPORT:

Computers: Mary Mattern reported that the school has signed a lease for 60 computers with HP. It was decided by the administration that leasing was a great option for the school as technology changes so rapidly. Year one the lease will be paid via the grant received in the fall, and the rest will be paid out over two years.

PolyVision Training: As part of their on-going training, an inservice was done on Monday with the teachers with the makers of the eno® PolyVision Boards. The trainer was impressed with the current usage and trained them on new ways to integrate technology into their days.

Safety Bulletin: The Safety Bulletin went out this week and another one is planned for May. The school will look to send out 2 bulletins next year, one at the beginning of the year and one in January.

Art Teacher: Mary reported that she interviewed a very qualified art teacher that is available for next year.

Enrollment: Enrollment was delayed this year, per the Council, until a decision was made on 7th grade next year. Enrollment will go out Monday. There have been many inquiries from new families. Quintin Schonewise reminded the group that 235 is capacity and asked where we were in comparison.

Currently, we are at 86% capacity, with only a few openings in what will be 6th grade and what will be 5th grade for next year. Quintin suggested possibly advertising openings in 2nd and 3rd grade for next year.

FUTURE'S COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Randy Larkin, Chairman of the Future's Committee presented the findings from the meetings. The group worked on four components:

- Financial implications
- Infrastructure
- Demand from current 6th grade
- Curriculum

The recommendation of the committee is that it would not be fiscally responsible to attempt to meet the short deadline. The Committee will continue to meet regularly to begin to put together a blueprint of what the "middle school" might look like, and hopefully look at revisiting the idea for when the current 5th grade are ready for 7th. Quintin Schonewise suggested setting a target date in an attempt to stay within those parameters. Fr. Mick suggesting putting together a program with vision, maybe classrooms that teach outside the box. Matt Brungardt suggested not thinking about what we do today, but what do we want it to look like in the future.

John Flynn suggested that a personal phone call be made by Fr. Mick, Mary Mattern, and Trish Arnold, to the 6th grade parents to let them know the recommendation. Fr. Mick and Mary Mattern announced that 2010-2011 enrollment information will be made available on Monday. Fr. Mick agreed to follow up with Fr. John, and Fr. Mick will also communicate with Kay Almanza, parent of a Bishop Seabury student, to inform them.

DEVELOPMENT: Trish Arnold presented the Development Report. She presented the new development folder/marketing piece, that came back from the printer last week. She also confirmed that the relationship with Petrus Development was going well. A newsletter is almost complete that will be sent out to the entire database, as well as an ask letter that will be sent out the first week of April. The letter will not be sent to the active donor base.

FINANCIAL: Amy Clark presented the Council with the second quarter financial statement. Fr. Mick and John Flynn asked that the Big Bazoohey profit/expense be shown separate of the Blue & Gold line item. Amy will make the change and send the report to Trish Arnold to be posted on the website.

Amy announced her pleasure working with Kristy, the new bookkeeper. She is pleased with the job the administration has done financially, as the school has yet to use last year's auction money or the Endowment interest. Trish and Mary have been working with Amy on next year's budget and once enrollment information begins to come in, will be able to plug numbers in for subsidy and fees. Trish and Amy will have the draft for the March meeting.

Other observations regarding the budget included a question from John Flynn regarding under-budgeting Extended Care income. Mary Mattern responded that some of the payments are prepaid and will likely even out by year end.

Mary Mattern continued her praise for Blue & Gold for their efforts on the fundraisers, as well as taking on all of the fellowship for the school.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be moved back a week because of spring break next month to March 26th. Steve Schwada volunteered to provide the lunch.

Closing prayer was led by Fr. Mick.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55.

Respectfully submitted by Trish Arnold.