

Saint Patrick School

Consultative Board Minutes

April 25, 2011

Present: Arthur Swanson, Maureen Soley, Karl Liwo, Giselle Leary, Rose Tramontozzi, Steve DeCrescenzo and Pam Daye

Opening Prayer by Arthur Swanson.

Maureen Soley: Deferred participation guidelines for nonmembers as no nonmembers were present. Election results requested.

Giselle Leary: The newly elected members of the years Consultative Board are: Liz Kochi, Angela Leo and Juan Yopez. Thank you to Rose Tramontozzi and Mr. Swanson for helping to count the ballots. New members are invited to attend the June Executive session meeting of the SPSCB.

Principal's Review (Mr. Swanson):

- We have a new gym uniform. There are pants and jackets. Jackets are optional. The students can continue to wear the current sweatshirt and t-shirts. The new pants and jackets are on display in the downstairs office and can be ordered at J.B. Edwards. Old gym uniforms are still an option as well. The only other change in the school uniform is the phasing out of the white turtleneck.
- Standardized testing is finished.
- St. Mary's Catholic School in Lawrence will be closing.
- Building changes are underway to accommodate the additional 7th grade classroom. Mr. Swanson's office will be moved to the conference room.
- We are proceeding with the adoption of a new reading program for pre-K through grade 5. Grades 6 through 8 are literature based. We are gradually reviewing and upgrading texts where there is a need. We are also looking to provide "primary documents" as resource material in some grades.
- The Bullying Intervention Programs will be held Wednesday, April 27, 2011. There will be three sessions: pre-K - 2nd grade, 3rd grade - 5th grade and 6th grade - 8th grade. Teaching levels will be appropriate for the grade levels. The first two sessions with the lower grades will be more character based. The presentation for grades 6th - 8th will be similar to the parent presentation. Parents are welcome to attend. Alice Wadley from the Melrose Alliance Against Violence will be the presenter. The cost of three presentations and a Teachers' Workshop will be \$1400.

PTO (Giselle Leary for Kiara Keohane):

- PTO is planning the Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, April 29, 2011.

Mother's Club (no report)

1000 Club (no report)

Maureen Soley:

Minutes of the March 2011 Minutes were distributed.

Motion to Accept Minutes: Karl Liwo. 2nd Steve DeCrescenzo.

Motion passed by the Board.

Mr. Swanson: The 2011-2012 school year will be starting the Wednesday before Labor Day (August 31, 2011).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm (Motion presented by Giselle Leary, 2nd Steve Decrescenzo). The next meeting will be held on May 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.