

Saint Patrick School

Consultative Board Minutes

March 21, 2011

Present: Arthur Swanson, Maureen M. Soley, Renee Keegan, Michelle Nuzzo, Rose Tramatozzi, Kiara Keohane, Mary Driscoll, Stephen DeCrescenzo, Traci Mello and Giselle Leary. Kristen Faro and Peg Moynihan as representatives from the Service Credit program. Post Executive Session: Angela Leo and Pam Daye.

Opening Prayer by Maureen Soley

Maureen Soley: Copies of the Agenda were passed around. Participation guidelines were reviewed.

Motion by Kiara Keohane to begin Executive Session, seconded by Giselle Leary.

7:04 Executive Session commences.

Motion to accept the proposals for the Service Credit program, Presented: Kiara Keohane, 2nd Giselle Leary. Motion passed by the Board.

7:31 Open Session commences.

Maureen M. Soley: Motion to accept the minutes of the February Consultative Board meeting (Presented: Kiara Keohane, 2nd Traci Mello). Minutes were accepted.

Principal's Review (Mr. Swanson):

- Easter Monday is April 25th. There will be no school as Cardinal Sean granted a “No School Day” in celebration of the school’s centennial. *Per discussion among the Board, the SPSCB meeting scheduled for Monday, April 25th will remain as planned.*
- The second session of the Christian Meditation series with Sister Lorraine for grades 6-8 will take place in April. The students are learning how to de-stress using Christ as their center.
- Students will be taking the Stanford 10 and the OLSAT 8. Testing results are utilized to assess student learning and to drive instruction in Grades 2-8.
- Plans are underway to continue with the Bullying Intervention Program. Mr. Swanson had the opportunity to view the Melrose Alliance Against Violence program at the Melrose Middle School. It was very well done. There will be separate presentations to

Grades Pre-K – 2, Grades 3-5 and Grades 6-8 on April 27. A notice will be sent to parents to inform them in addition to welcoming parents to attend. The goal of this program is to give students the strategies they need to address bullying situations. Schools and organizations are realizing targeting the bystander's behavior is crucial to making positive changes. Schools and home need to work together as this is a nation-wide concern.

- There is no early dismissal on May 6th. There will be an early dismissal on April 29th.
- Capital Campaign update: a DVD will be played at the auction and during parent teacher conferences to appeal for funds to support a new roof on each school, windows in the upper school, a new heating system, and a new stained glass window in the church. A letter will be sent by Fr. Bill explaining all the details.

PTO (Kiara Keohane)

- There is a change in April's calendar, the Teachers' Appreciation Lunch will be held April 29, 2011.

Mothers' Club (Renee Keegan)

- The Mothers' Club would like to thank the Auction Chairpersons and committee for the great job that they did. The turnout at the Auction was great.
- Mothers' Club is ordering First Communion gifts.
- At the next Mother's Club meeting there will be a discussion about upcoming Field Day plans.
- *Angela Leo reporting as treasurer for Mothers' Club: Financial spreadsheet passed around. The preliminary accounting for the auction estimates revenues up 10% more last year. Mrs. Keefe donated incredible art work. NUTS are only being sold at the Auction.*

1000 Club (Michelle Nuzzo for Sue Hetu)

- Four school families won.
- 79 open numbers.
- The April drawing will follow the St. Anthony devotions.

SPSCB Election Update (Giselle Leary)

- There are seven people running. Three will be elected. The ballots had a misprint so we would like the Board to accept the ballots up to Friday, March 25. *Per discussion among the board members, ballots will be accepted until 2:30pm Friday, March 25, 2011.*

- *Several members noted they had not received ballots. Additional ballots are to be distributed at Mr. Swanson's discretion.*

Motion to Adjourn (Presented: Maureen Soley, 2nd Giselle Leary). The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next Consultative Board meeting is April 25th at 7:00pm. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.