

Lay Advisory Board Meeting

July 26, 2017

Began Meeting 6:35 pm

Adjourned Meeting 8:24 pm

In Attendance

Tom McGuire	Felicia Niven	Kate Klemick	Martin Radzieta
Jeanette Powers	Mike Klein	Eric Reich	Anita McMahon

6:35 pm - Call to order / Opening Prayer / Minutes approved

6:40 pm - Suggestion box reviewed – no suggestions

Eric Reich received 3 calls, and Martin Radzieta received 2 calls regarding changes in specials schedule and departing staff. In addition, the perception was that the school is accepting new students at any cost, with potential for behavior problems. Parents are paying tuition and therefore expect a better environment than public school.

- Discussion centered on how to respond, including a Catholic School Environment statement for the handbook signed by parents and students
- A town meeting approach is not necessary, as just a few families seemed concerned; a letter with updates would be appropriate
- Consider showing a budget pie chart so parents know how their money is being spent
- Importance of inclusiveness, which is part of the Catholic Faith
- Consider a guidance counselor to address behavior
- Felicia will email a copy of the 2016-17 handbook to the Lay Advisory Board
- Lay Advisory Board members are ambassadors in the school community, and perhaps should have a presence at Back to School Night (wearing name tags); Felicia to research companies for name tags
- Consider adding a Woodbine member to the Lay Advisory Board

7 pm - Principal's and Communications Report

- a) Vision 2020 / Mrs. Freeman to lead implementation of Catholic Identity
- b) STAR Assessments – track each students' potential in algebraic thinking; address struggling students by pinpointing areas of need; similar to the DRA but for mathematics
- c) Open Houses on the website / 35 new students (24 PreK, 11 K-8)
- d) Transportation funding amount increased to \$1,000 per child for 2017-18

e) Lockers to be installed / developing locker policy

8 pm

New Business

- a) Agnes B. wants a list of BMRCS students who are part of St. Maximilian Kolbe. Felicia to ask Mrs. Morinelli to provide.
- b) We should add Agnes B. to the Weekly Wrap list.
- c) Mrs. Freeman should be invited to a DRE meeting.
- d) We should invite CCD classes to the Halloween Tailgate.
- e) Jeanette Powers suggested having a weekly Mass at school.
- f) BMRCS should consider having an inter-board meeting once or twice a year.

Next meeting Thursday, August 31, 2017, 6:30-8 pm

8:28 pm

Meeting adjourned