

Shepherd of the Hills Catholic School
School Commission Minutes
Tuesday, November 3, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.
“Walking the path of Christ, with Love and Service, through a Catholic Education”

Members Present: Sarah Desiderio (Chairperson), Shannon Casper (Secretary), Melanie Knowles, Betsey Gitter, Peggy Wiedmeyer, Joe Loehr (Pastoral Council Rep), Jeanne Bitkers (Principal), Fr. John

Teachers: Ms. Dwyer, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Moody

Others: Rose Baker, Peggy Huhn

Student Council Reps & Families: Scott Grahl, Kevin Smith, David Johnson, Kendall Johnson, Kelly Johnson, Kim Jandre, Rose Baker, Avery Johnson, Caleb Smith, Morgan Timblin, Michelle Kissinger, Tess Huhn, Megan Jandre, Amber Kissinger, Sam Grahl

Minutes from October meeting were approved.

School Good News:

Great feedback after Mass on Sunday (All Saints Day), Trunk-or-Treat went great!

Student Council: Student council members & families were present. Representatives made introductions. President: Sam Grahl, VP: Megan Jandre, Secretary: Amber Kissinger, Treasurer: Tess Huhn, 6th: Avery Johnson, 5th: Morgan Timblin, 4th: Caleb Smith. They spoke about the various activities planned throughout the year including a canned food drive, Sarnelli House donation, a dance during CSW, Crazy Hat or Sock Day, placement of a suggestion box and possibility of a classroom decorating contest. Meetings take place approximately every other Friday and include past & present events.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes: Minutes will remain on the SOTH school website for viewing vs being only viewable on Option C. This will allow parishioners to view them as well.

Dress Code: Further clarification was made in regards to the question on boots. High heeled boots may not be worn. General boots may be worn.

School Lunch Program: Ms. Bitkers is currently speaking with representatives from DPI and will speak with Rita and the teachers interested in assisting with possible adjustments to current program.

Handbook: Plan to have handbook on-line in the future and provide a paper copy when requested. Will be updated at teacher inservice 11/4/15.

Pastoral Council: There is a genuine interest in the school & a desire to keep the school healthy & thriving. How can school commission tap into those resources?

NEW BUSINESS:

New Member Election: Peggy Huhn accepted nomination and was approved as new commission member.

Teacher/Staff as Commission Members: Discussion that having teachers on commission would be a positive addition. Sarah will send a survey to get teacher input.

Meeting Structure: At recommendation of the archdiocese, to bring items to school commission for discussion/resolution, items must be presented in writing to the school commission chairperson in advance. This information will be put in both the parent newsletter and the bulletin so items can be put on the agenda for the next meeting. The following items should be addressed: The topic I would like to bring before school commission is..., I've take the following steps regarding this topic..., I'm hoping the school commission can respond in the following way(s)...

Subcommittees: Proposed changes to current standing committees: Marketing & Recruitment, Fundraising & Budget, Long Range Planning, and Executive & Policy. Each commission member will work with one area and gather information to bring back to the December meeting on how to move forward.

Principal's Report: MAP scores went home this week, the SPIRIT committee is hoping to have representative in January meet with parents and discuss MAP testing. The commission training session was well attended. Parent-teacher conferences are 11/17 and 11/19. Finance Council will be presenting the NEBAT loan program to parents in the future via letter or information meeting. The archdiocese recommended several parent meetings per year. CSW will be 1/30-2/6.

Next Meeting: MONDAY 11/30/15 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Casper