

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School

Consultative School Board

September 10, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Ex-officio members: Deborah Farrington, Ed.D., Fr. Ulysses D'Aquila

School Board members: Adam Plumptre, Christina Gann Munguia, Joe Rakow, Ph.D., Erin Kimura-Walsh

Public guests: None

Minutes: Erin Kimura-Walsh

School Board Structure

- Add 2-4 members in January? The goal was to have 12 total but is that too much?
- Do we want a set agenda like previous years: updates from various groups.
- We want to also focus on the projects that we want to move forward with

Technology

- Tech LX teaching Java Script to middle school level students.
- We may look at robotics class that they offer next year
- Incentives and awards for programming
- Lego robotics teams--led by Otto Grajeda
 - 2 teams, 12 kids for K-4
- Still evaluating interest for the older kids, recruitment has been a little disorganized so not sure what interest is. Maybe we pay the TechLX team to do the robotics for the 4-8 graders or look at other parents to possibly lead.
- MV code was delayed because they didn't have the personnel to provide support. Maureen was coordinating the room, etc.

Finances and Enrollment

- 3 above budget
- Two other students were not prepared to work at their grade level, were advised to go back to public school and use the resources available there. Report cards, etc. did not indicate their readiness. Didn't identify
- We need services for students with learning disabilities to increase for the 6-8 grades. In general are we not paying enough attention to the middle school level children. Too much focus on early childhood education.
- Financially in a good place
- FACTS roll out
 - Not consistency among how teachers are using and posting materials, or uncertainty on how to use it.
 - Will get direction from FACTS staff and then try to development consistency.
 - Continuing issues with pizza purchasing

Teaching staff

- Excited about new teachers
- Deborah is focusing on delegating, especially re. general disciplinary issues.
- Some disciplinary issues
- Student life team is working out well
 - Use of think sheets
 - Can we do a parent ed night? Headed up by Beatriz Pratt.
 - Can we look to outside workshops in the community? Beatriz is now connected with St. Raymonds and the workshop that they are offering.

Strategic planning

- Relook back at the stakeholder survey

Auction

- What do we want to feature?
 - Update on what we've done with the Tech \$
 - Have we used the fund to raise \$ financial aid
 - Round up, financial aid appeal in Dec.
 - Financial aid doesn't have the appeal to general families
 - Do we want to focus on technology again? Do we want to include arts?
 - Do we want to focus on staff needs
 - Do we want to offer instrumental music or other arts?
 - For now we want to stick to technology for the auction fundraising
 - We are focused on programs and staff, not "things"
 - Time for all of these programs is a challenge but can be resolved

Priorities

- Financial Aid
 - Alumni engagement
 - New parent association has been soliciting unsuccessfully for alumni outreach.
 - We have a database of alumni data and a bunch of email lists
 - Alumni committee with alumni to spearhead it
 - Can we create an alumni FB page?
 - Alumni events?
- Regular feedback from families like the survey might be good
 - Collecting parent feedback would be valuable, shape by action plan
- Social media
- Corporate matching-need to take advantage of these
- Can we do outreach about corporate matching for day 1 of school, during round up campaign during enrollment

Board Member Skills?

- Marketing/Communications
- Fundraising

New parent initiatives:

- Parent Buddy Program

In the next newsletter, option for contributed service hours

- Parents to do translation for newsletter?