

St. Mary's School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

St. Mary's School Advisory Council president Gene Soukup called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Father Nigli opened with prayer. Members present: Gene Soukup, Shad Thompson, Jim Sibbel, Dean Benson, Sharon Spencer, Julie Barlow, Dorothy Tomjack, Principal Mr. Walt Dupre, and Father Francis Nigli. Gene welcomed new member Julie Barlow. Shad motioned to approve the September minutes and Jim seconded. Motion carried. Dean motioned to approve the agenda, and Shad seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Report: Projects are moving along and should be done by the time school reconvenes on January 7th. Grade school roof, security updates, church ramp, and school link are almost finished. The audio system is being simplified and updated. Security has been an issue with lights left on, items lying around and general untidiness. Scheduling conflicts have arisen with the grade school and high school. Gym moratoriums will be thought upon and family time will be discussed next meeting. Discussion was held on discipline issues and guidelines along with values and morals.

A generous donor has offered to donate building materials for a bus shed. We will need donated labor to erect it. Modifications and specifics still need to be discussed and decided upon.

Due to the resignation of Mr. Neil Nemec, a cleaning position will be advertised for immediate fill. The hours will be from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. with an hour off for supper. There is a willingness to negotiate the hours to suit the best candidate.

Business: Mr. Dupre reported that school and students in general have been doing well this first semester.

Questions have been received from parents about the House system: Mr. Dupre has seen that more students have been involved in community and school service with this House-based system. It also helps the students to seek additional help with school work if needed during the House time. Concessions are now run by the Houses, but at the end of the year, the money will be split evenly between the 7th-12th grades.

P.E. credit for team sports: This issue is highly doubtful at this time, but Mr. Dupre will look into it.

NHS/Marian Award guidelines: St. Mary's awards the NHS by the nationwide criteria. Both awards are selection processes that are reviewed by sponsors and other school officials.

Class Officers/fundraisers: At this time only seniors elect class officers because of the House system. We do have election for School Council. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors may be elected for secretary/treasurer, juniors and seniors for vice president, and seniors for president. Fundraisers can be held by classes, clubs or houses.

Gift from Class of 2012: The St. Mary's Class of 2012 has generously donated a crucifix. When projects are complete, a place for the crucifix will be decided upon.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dorothy, Sharon seconded. Motion carried. Gene ended the meeting with prayer.

The next School Advisory Council meeting will be **Wednesday, January 9, 2013** at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Dorothy Tomjack, Secretary