

SEVEN DOLORS BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

School Library

February 11, 2015 at 6:30 pm

I. Call to Order

- A. Prayer
- B. Roll Call

Present: Daron Teske, Greg Kalthoff, Paul Schiffler, Fr. Cletus, Bonnie Massmann, Kristie Kollmann, Angie Rushmeyer, Ami Ohmann

Absent: Staci Kalthoff

II. Recommended Actions

A. Routine Matters

1. Approval of the Agenda-Daron motion, Kristie 2nd
2. Approval of Minutes of Jan meeting- Paul motion, Kristie 2nd
3. Review of Jan 2015 financial report-total of Home & School does not include all tickets sold for Family Fun Night yet, final numbers should be ready next week in newsletter, Bonnie will report back on misc. expense at March meeting as it seems high compared to last year. Bonnie discussed that St. Martin parish has agreed to pay \$800 per student so those families will be getting a credit, as they increased from past \$700 per student, if St. Martin is able to pay more at the end of the year they will and parents would be credited at that time.

Bonnie discussed a meeting that took place with Father Cletus, the Bishop, Linda Kaiser (Diocesan Superintendent of Schools) and others to discuss the inter-parish subsidy policy. Bonnie shared the history of diocesan policy. The Bishop asked Linda Kaiser to call a committee together to draft a new policy that they could relate diocesan wide. The Bishop indicated he'd like to see this completed in the near future but likely won't affect this school year or even next. Waiting for committee to be called, Bonnie will likely be on committee. Bonnie indicated she felt it will be difficult to come up with a plan that will work for the entire Diocese.

B. Unfinished Business-

1. Approval of original or revised versions of policies 201-216: change in 207 # 3 to read (or on file in the parish office) and 209 was changed to include the school only (delete reference to religious education program.). Kristie motion, Ami 2nd
2. Update on Breakfast program research- Bonnie talked to Julie Voit (Head Cook) and discussed how it would benefit the school. Julie and Bonnie will look into the state requirements and have info by March meeting. Bonnie also checked with state nutrition dept. and with Albany public school staff. Albany public offers K-6 breakfast program free. Bonnie will seek info from state to see how a school manages that without having a fee. Discussion of including program without taking up much school time, kids would go through line upon arrival and not by grade, also could possibly eliminate snack. Bonnie will also check if public school includes milk or parents pay milk.
3. Update on marketing discussion from last month-
 - *Billboards: Bonnie talked to Linda Kaiser regarding billboards. Not offered any longer. Most schools discussed billboards not the direction vs. social media.
 - *Update of web landing page- Bonnie's daughter has a marketing degree and is willing to help us update our website landing page. We will be looking at the school logo which was originally designed for black and white stationary. Now with color available it could possibly be improved. The goal would be to keep the integrity but enhance it. Discussed confidentiality of students' pictures also on website and would have to get approval if children could be on website in photos.
 - *Discussion about marketing committee and possible involvement with photos, landing webpage, etc. Possibly open it up and ask for parents involvement if someone has talent in regard to graphic design, etc. on portal requesting any parent involvement.

*Kristie discussion of idea of donor sponsorship.

*Bonnie discussed having a foreign language offered. Finding time for additional curriculum in the day is difficult but something we could look into. The greatest challenge would be availability of a teacher to provide a second language. Discussed whether public school has that as shared service like music, band, etc. Belief was that public school does not have second language.

Discussion of Duo Lingo App

Bonnie will do more research in regard to possibility of obtaining a second language and how other schools accomplish that.

*Idea of whether school could have something air on KASM radio saying prayer or pledge of allegiance as done on Spirit 92.9

C. New Business

1. Review of Administrative policies (100-114)-100 antidiscrimination policy necessary for funding and written by diocesan attorney therefore not one we would re-word without caution.

106- accrediting association is looking at changing requirements from having a master's degree to having an elementary principal licensure in order to be accredited. If requirements become more difficult, may become difficult for Catholic Schools to hire principals in future considering heightened requirements and wage differential between Catholic and Public school. Bonnie recommends leaving police 106 until accrediting association makes any changes. At the current time it will not be an issue for us as Bonnie has licensure as a K-12 principal.

*Idea discussed of having container outside school for community to put cans as way to fundraising.

2. Board members volunteered to attend council meetings.

Feb. 19- Greg

Mar. 18- Daren

Apr. 16- Kristie

May 21- Ami

June 18- Angie

3. Discussion of Public Schools plans for future reconfiguration- they are at the point where they need to build due to numbers of students so rather than build at both, if they move 6th to junior high they would only need to build on at one location. A lot of schools have 6th grade as part of the junior high. Would affect Holy Family. Some schools won't assume kids won't come 6th grade, but majority of those who continued to offer 6th grade maintained. They were going to put out a survey this fall so likely no change this next year or the following.

III. Information and Proposals

A. Pastor- no update/info

B. Principal Update

a. Diocesan Mtg for Interparish Subsidy Policy

b. Catholic United Financial Raffle- underway, encouraged to sell raffle tickets, hoping we could get an additional \$3000 as school who sells one of top three schools per student sales.

c. Family Fun Night- committee sent out survey likes/dislikes

d. 5 K- had looked at similar dates having it on a Saturday however when trail people were contacted Saturdays in May unavailable except May 1st, last year still snow on the ground, Sunday was available in mid-May early enough in the morning with early mass not as well attended therefore traffic shouldn't be an issue and by 10am nearly done and packed up.

e. Golf Committee- Tanya Rothstein volunteered to chair and we will be meeting soon to begin the planning.

f. School Closure makeup days-March 23rd may be listed as possible make up day vs. Holy Thursday.

C. Committee Reports

D. Guests

E. Confidential Matters

IV. Next meeting Wednesday, March 11, 2015 Ami motion to adjourn, Daren 2nd

- Agenda:
1. Approve any suggested changes to Administrative policies
 2. 1st review of instructional polices 603-616