

School Advisory Committee Meeting

April 15, 2009

Present: Sister Joanita, Jeryl B, Rick B, Jim D, Jada D, Stephanie L, Susan Mc, Susan M, Gary R, Colleen R, Ginny S, Amy V

Absent: Nicole S, Jeff S, Linda S, Tim W

Guest: Beth N.

1. Succession Update--Susan M

We are in the process of filling all positions for the 09/10 SAC. Many members are maintaining their current position, a few are switching positions, and there are some vacancies that need filled. Recruitment will begin to fill the openings.

2. Teacher Participation in 09/10

Susan McKee sent letters to the teachers inviting them to next year's SAC meetings. She proposed that each teacher could attend one meeting a year. The representative for the month would collect any teacher concerns or announcements and would then share information from the meeting with the other teachers. So far, over half of the teachers have responded and are working with Susan to choose the month that they will attend.

3. Vision Committee-Full Year Calendar with Activities—Ginny S.

Ginny has started to work with Sr. Joanita to form a comprehensive school calendar which will include Middle School Extra-curricular activities that must be planned for in advance. She will discuss time-tables with Sr. Joanita and the Middle School teachers and assist them with planning for the activities. This was determined as a need that would be filled by the vision committee following last month's meeting.

4. Cafeteria News—Sr. Joanita

Sister is working on confirming a food service company for next year. She sent letters to 5 companies, and received only one proposal. The proposal was from our current food service company, Nutrition Inc. The proposal for the upcoming years would put us in the red by \$1000/year keeping lunch price at \$2.75. This year we will end \$3000 in the red.

5. After school Care—Ginny S

The fee has been \$2/student for years with a drop in price for more children. Earlier this year, The Advisory Council decided to raise the price to \$3/hour per child. Ginny pointed out that the cost for a family with 2 or 3 children will increase significantly if we don't reduce the cost for the 2nd and 3rd child. The following was proposed and agreed upon by the group. The price increase will go into effect for the 2009/10 school year.

	2008/09			2009/10		
	1 hr	2 hr	3 hr	1 hr	2 hr	3 hr
1 Child	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$9.00
2 Children	\$3.75	\$7.50	\$11.25	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$15.00
3 Children	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$7.00	\$14.00	\$21.00

6. Finance Committee—Gary R.

Finance Committee is finalizing the school budget and finances for the year. This will be sent to the parish council.

Nicole is comparing SMART to a new tuition collection company, FACTS.

Tuition Letter for next year will be sent to families soon.

Families who haven't met their cafeteria volunteer hours or who fell way below their family assessment recently received letters in the mail reminding them that they are responsible for payment.

7. Directed contributions and/or fundraisers—Susan Mc

Sister reported that donations CAN be directed to specific areas, but fundraising CANNOT be.

8. Lunch Duty—Rick B

Rick reported that we have a shortage of cafeteria workers. The families who do not work 5 days are paying the \$50 fee, but it is difficult to find enough families who are willing to work more than the 5 days for the \$10 family assessment credit.

Stephanie volunteered to put an announcement in the bulletin asking for parish volunteers. \$10 credit for working will go to the St. Ursula Parish group/organization of the volunteer's choice.

9. Athletic Association –Rick B

The Athletic Assoc Banquet is scheduled for Wed, May 13th from 6:30-10:30 at Wildwood Golf Club. The banquet is free for student athletes and coaches. There is \$20 fee for each parent who attends. The night includes appetizers, dinner, and cake. There will be a cash bar. St. Ursula will pay \$14.70/person for the package.

5th graders will get a St. Ursula Letter.

Other grades will receive a pin.

8th graders will receive a bath towel with their name and sport symbol on it.

Cross Country Uniforms need to be replaced before the season begins in August.

10. Volunteer Assessment Credit—Susan M.

Susan has had several people asking about family assessment credit for families who do major fundraising events. Many different perspectives were discussed.

11. Middle States Accreditation—Sr. Joanita

Sister showed the group a power point presentation detailing this process. She is looking for parent volunteers to assist with 2 studies called *Mission and Beliefs Study* and *the Community Study*. These studies need to be completed during April and May.

The Mission and belief study is based on what we want St. Ursula School to look like in the future. This study is based on opinions.

The Community Study looks at who makes up your community and how St. Ursula impacts the community. This study is based on facts.

Sr. also needs 2 parents to sit on the steering committee, along with herself and one teacher.

*Beth N. attended tonight's meeting so she could ask if Forensics will be offered next year for the middle school students. Sister explained that a team of 14 students is needed to compete. The Council decided a letter should go out to all parents at the beginning of the year detailing the activities that are available throughout the year. Sister suggested having a curriculum night at the beginning of the year where the teachers could discuss this with parents.

Next SAC Meeting—Thursday, May 14th