



PRINCE OF PEACE SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

Those Present: Jane Shriver, Melinda Yaklin, Kelli Thompson, Kasie Broeckelman, Tracy Day, Andrew Calovich, Scott Richlin, Jackie Stahl, Katie Butenoff

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

New member was welcomed to the School Council: Katie Butenoff. Thank you to the departing council member: Amanda Berger.

We have had a good start to the year. We welcome 2 new teachers to our staff: Sydney Berkelhamer (1st Grade) and Kristi Filippini (band).

The gala has started their apparel sales, organized gift gathering parties by grade levels & scheduled our 1st POP Trivia Night for October 13th as ways to build community. We have the Fall Festival this weekend and field trips are being scheduled.

This year we will have our AdvancED Accreditation visit in January.

The state has changed our yearly safety drill requirements so we have begun practicing several different types of drills already. We are using our Ruvna Safety Program for silent communication during drills. We have uploaded our students and teachers into the system and many teachers use the app or website from their phones.

Our students will begin Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment next week. It is a nationally norm-referenced test that we adopted 2 years ago.

An overview on the role of the School Advisory Council was reviewed by Mrs. Shriver. The archdiocese is encouraging our School Advisory Councils become business advisory teams that focus on finance, facilities, marketing, operational systems, etc.

OTHER INFORMATION SHARED

Prince of Peace enrollment information for the 2018-2019 school year was reviewed. Our school enrollment has decreased since last year. The enrollment history was reviewed and trends were discussed. The school has been reaching out through correspondence to all preschool families and children in the parish and additional marketing strategies are constantly being evaluated. We are seeing more alumni enrolling their children. We will continue the newsletter and partner activities with the 2-, 3-, and 4-year old EEC students with our 4th & 5th graders to help the transition from EEC to our school a natural transition. We will also continue with the POP (Parents of Preschoolers) Stay & Play; the first event will be on Oct. 16th. We have created an Instagram account to show daily pictures of events at school. We will be updating the alumni database and sprucing up our church bulletin section with pictures. We are looking into yard signs for new kindergarten families as well. Mrs. Shriver shared how St. Paul's new building and St. John Paul II's parish development will have short term & long term impacts on Prince of Peace's enrollment.

We reviewed the enrollment trends in other Catholic Elementary Schools in Johnson County that are about the same size as Prince of Peace. Two of the schools are tithing schools, two are tuition schools. These schools have experienced a larger decline in enrollment than Prince of Peace when looking at the data we have from 2012-13 to the 2017-18 school years, so declining enrollment is not just happening at Prince of Peace but in other Catholic Schools as well.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The School Council reviewed the Curriculum/Learning and the Sustainability goals of our strategic plans. We discussed community building and shared faith experiences for our school such as a BBQ, Bunco Night, Bingo, Open House during Catholic Schools Week, and STEM Night with food trucks in the circle drive.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 9th at 5:30pm in the school office conference room.

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