

Education Council

Minutes

June 9, 2015

Members Present: Fr. Paul, Betty Swiston, Sarah McGuire, Penny Juoni, Ric Johnson, Sheila Urling

Members Absent: Diane Punjak, Janine Boyd, Pat Miller, Anna Richardson, Annilee Schraufnagel

1. Fr. Paul call meeting to order at 5pm
2. Opening Prayer—Reflection by Fr. Paul
3. Approval of Minutes (see attachment) Penny 1st, Sheila 2nd all approved as were
4. School Report: (see attachment) Betty Swiston
5. Home/School Report--Leona Pliss—new president: Betty gave report. Officers for next school year are: Leona Pliss—president; Jen Mrnak—Vice; MaryJo Gingras-Treasurer; Renee Parent--secretary
6. Task Force Groups
 - a. Planning: Betty and Janine
 - a. Betty : High school Updates—Discussion on how to promote it to the area with suggestions on local and area newspapers: Iron County Miner, Ironwood Daily Globe, Mellen’s weekly paper, The Sun/The Evergreen Shopper, the Daily Press also send information to Saxon and Hurley(Fr. Frank) and Bayfield Peninsula Catholic (Fr. Kevin Gordon)Churches to put into bulletins.

It was also recommended by the Ed. Council to approach Keith Hiltz to inquire about whether or not High School students at OLL School could participate in extra-curriculars such as sports and afterschool clubs along with music. Betty will call Keith to set up a meeting and send out an email to Ed. Council members to see if anyone is available to attend along with her. This meeting should be done prior to the beginning of the promotion of the Catholic High School to the public.

It was also recommended that it be promoted as a Catholic High School Option that is different from what is available in our area. Faith-based Option were key words that should be used in the promotional materials.

Sarah mentioned the Penokee Mountain Home School Group based out of Benoit, which she was acquainted with and will get information to Betty Swiston for contacts.
 - b. Proposed meeting months for the Education Council: September, October, January, February, March, May—motion to amend Article VII, section 2 of the charter to read: The Education Council shall meet for 6 meetings per year. The meeting dates to be determined by the council. Sarah 1st, Sheila 2nd. The council also motioned to approve the above months for meeting months and on the 2nd Tuesday of each of those months for next year. Sarah 1st, Sheila 2nd.

- c. Self Study for next school year—will need to form a team for this of 7-9 people—
Betty explained that there will be several standards that the Education Council will be responsible for and others that the school staff will be in charge of. The surveys for school climate will be done by [surveymonkey.com](https://www.surveymonkey.com)
 - b. Finance: Ric, Diane,
 - a. Financial statement through 11 months and next year's budget—The council reviewed the budget for next school year looking at income and expenses.
 - c. Development and Marketing Betty, Sheila, Annilee
 - a. Betty: registration and marketing for next year: PreK-8 and the virtual high school
 - d. Buildings and Grounds: Ric: Update on windows fund—The final windows are being install this summer. Total cost was \$155,000 over 3 years with only \$2000 left to paid the total project off.
- 7. Old Business: David Vedder has resigned due to moving away from the area. Sheila Urling will take his position on the Education Council. She was the representative from the Parish Council, but her term there is finished. Another Parish Council member will be chosen to attend the Education Council meetings. It was also stated that the Ed. Council should begin the process of finding a new member who has experience on budgets and financials who could then assist in the school budgeting process.
- 8. Closing Prayer—Hail Mary
- 9. Next Meeting—September 8—Tuesday at 5pm
- 10. Adjournment—6:40pm