

St. Joseph School Committee Minutes for Wednesday, July 20, 2011

Attendees: Jill Gilmore, Linda Cooney, Tom Szews, Jim MacGillis, Jeff McCarthy, Santo Ingrilli, Linda Slawinski, Holli Klatt, and Rochelle Steininger

The committee was convened at 6:30 P.M. The first order of business was to review the revised Service Policy document. The question was raised: to which account does the money go which is collected from parents who do not complete their 5 hours of service for lunchroom duty? (Playground supervisors receive a credit of \$7 toward their tuition balance each day they work. There are five teams of playground supervisors, with each team assigned one day per week). Linda Cooney said she would check to see how money collected from parents who do not complete their lunchroom hours is handled in the accounting process. The motion was made and seconded to have the current draft of the Service Policy accepted, and to have this missing information supplied to Jeff McCarthy for the final draft.

The committee next took up the discussion of the initial draft of a parent survey from the Technology Subcommittee. The survey is a first step toward developing a 3 – 5-year plan for technology, as specified by Archdiocesan directives for each school in the Archdiocese. Questions/concerns/ideas discussed included:

- The need for some type of monitoring/restriction of student uses of technology
- A possible presentation to parents prior to the survey
- Parent education sessions on types/educational uses of current technology
- Working in tandem with curriculum and faculty; the need for faculty to be prepared for future developments in technology
- Some faculty members as leaders because of their knowledge/enthusiasm in technology
- Need to develop a curriculum for new technology
- Existence at present of a St. Joseph School's curriculum for technology, which specifies skills to be developed by grade level
- Possible preference for leasing school-owned equipment by parents to ensure same equipment for all, both for confining instruction to same equipment and for avoiding status competition based on equipment
- Possible need for insurance for parents to cover loss, damage to any unit(s) assigned to particular students, especially if these were to be taken home
- Cloud-based storage of a library of software purchased by school, accessible through the school website to allow access from home computers for student learning/reference
- Having a presentation on Back-to-School night, before parents go to classrooms, to present some information on possible uses of new technology and to get questions/concerns from parents to research/add to survey

Discussion digressed a bit into fund-raising ideas for the school: a spaghetti dinner; asking everyone to donate their employment pay for ½ or full day to the school;

another Trivia Night. Linda Slawinski noted that the theme for St. Joseph's auction this year will be, "Our Hearts Belong to St. Joe's," and the date for this will likely be March 3rd.

Jim MacGillis announced that he will be the Parish Council's representative on the School Committee.

Linda Cooney noted that the enrollment for the 2011-12 school year is already up to 240 students. Santo Ingrilli added that he had done some recruiting based on the tour Linda had given him a year ago, resulting in several families, (additional to his own), joining the school.

New Action Items:

1. Linda Cooney will investigate the accounting for playground duties and supply that information to Jeff McCarthy so that he can finalize the Service Policy.
2. Jim MacGillis said that the Technology Subcommittee will figure out at their 8/18 meeting when to schedule a meeting with school parents on future technology planning.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 7:31. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 14th, at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rochelle Steininger,
Secretary