

Parent Advisory Board 5/9/17

Present: Tracee Beck, Martina Castle, Susan Connelly, Jason Cox, Jayne Gaspari, Kyle Groos, Karen Mikuska, Maria Neely, Anne Nelson, Kerry Olson, Tom Polak, Kristin Ripperda, Connie Scott, Stephanie Spader, Brenda Washenberger, and Jackie Shotkoski. Guests: Kelly Jones & Steve Kueter

Welcome & Prayer

Activities Update – Steve Kueter:

2016-2017 SDHSAA Participation Survey

- Huge participation of students (crossover with activities of course)
- 739 boys
- 866 girls
- 95% participation
- 505 physicals total
- Roosevelt had 498 physicals and they have over 2000 students
- 210 activity/coaching positions 7th grade through 12th grade
- This year they are doing away with districts in volleyball and basketball and seeding 1 through 16, winners of the 8 games go to state. Many of the smaller schools/West River schools are fighting this because of loss of money.
 - This will extend the schedule by one week
 - This is good for us
- 63 physicals taken at the event – might look at not holding this event in the future. May look at using St. Sebastian for physicals for those who may need assistance.

Track Meet:

- Went very well this year
- Many work study and Christian service students worked the track meet
- 30 students came in for extra help from teachers during the track meet.

Next year's activities' schedule/calendar is online

- AD's meeting is scheduled for next week, might have a few changes to the schedule
- Sometimes on the calendar the time or location is not listed (Aaron)
- Parental Portal has the instructions regarding calendar reminders

Kelly Jones – Counseling Update:

Mali Farmer's death one month ago – 9th grader:

- Sunday prayer service – students from all grades attended plus students and staff from Edison. The older students were there to support the 9th graders.
- Prayer service – seniors let the freshmen have the seats down in front to be all together, and they sat in the balcony out of respect to the freshmen. You could have heard a pin drop during the service.
- Lots of individual counseling

- Mary Weber, a grieving counselor, came in 3 times to talk with various students
- Counseling office addresses how it impacts all students
- It's a very challenging situation
- Working with students & teachers with an empty desk sitting there and how to move forward without her.
- Parents brought up the idea of donating money for a guest speaker to come and speak to the students
- Mr. Anderson, Jon Konz & Kelly met regarding speakers
- New Student Group for 2017-2018 school year – created for awareness & support
- Netflix – 13 Reasons Why – They don't address the mental issue component. They need to bring the mental issue component into the conversation.
- The book does a better job than the series.
- The show had some very graphic scenes
- Article came out last week regarding how schools can handle this
- Are there any speakers that you, as parents, would like to hear?
- Anything to equip parents better in talking with their students? Might not reach all parents but some is better than none.
- Ask the students if there are topics they would like their parents to have information about
 - Teen anxiety

Parent Advisory Board Rotations:

- Erin Hericks was at St. Katharine Drexel but has moved to St. Michael's parish will start on the PAB next year for three years. So we will have three members under St. Michael's parish.
- We have openings at the following parishes:
 - 1 at Christ the King
 - 1 at St. Katharine Drexel
 - 1 at St. Lambert
 - 2 at St. Mary
 - 1-3 at St. Therese
 - 1 at Holy Spirit
- Tracee Beck & Kristin Ripperda need to decide which one will be finished in 2019 and which one will be finished in 2020. Just let Jackie know.
- Kyle thanked the Parent Advisory Board members for all their hard work and how much we appreciated their service
- Also a huge thank you for all their work on the Staff/Teacher Appreciation week.

Technology Planning/Update:

- Technology letter will be sent out to all parents today and you should receive this letter within the next two days
- One Time Ask fundraiser starting this summer
- Focus is all on technology
- No Knight Drive – no incentives, no super bowl day off

- 330 Chromebooks next year on top of the 150 purchased this current school year.
- Fall 2018 students meet with parents and check out Chromebooks to students
- Chromebooks cycle out after 3 to 4 years. We are going for 4 years.
- Check into the cost of insurance as a possibility
- Only a small percentage of parents do not have email or internet
- We like where we are at right now in the process
- Need to figure out what kind of bag we want to give students to carry their Chromebooks in their book bag.
 - Maybe the Knight Locker could sell an OG cover for the Chromebooks
- Tara Johanneson is a certified google instructor

Staff Update:

- Nicole Wellington – Campus Minister –has been at Pierre and Risen Savior, Brandon.
- Nolan Cleary (2009 Grad) – Theology – He was discerning about becoming a Franciscan Brother, now is married, teaching in Arizona. Wanted to move closer to family.
- Mikaela Schnetter (2012 Grad) – Academic Services – taking Shannon Poppinga’s position
- Natasha Fuller – English –Ivan & Vicki’s daughter – In Pennsylvania now doing her student teaching
- Lindsey Ussery – Show Choir Director
- Tara Johanneson – Computer Science/Technology Integrationist from JH to HS
- Skye Bork – English/Social Science – New position
- Teresa Mead – Science (Chemistry/Physics) - Tunge’s position
- Shannon Poppinga – Social Studies position – Whiting’s position
- Academic Service Coordinator – We expect to offer this week

Staff / Teacher Appreciation:

- Money left over will be put towards the fall parent-teacher conferences
- Notes:

- Change amount of OJ to maybe 4 gallons instead
- The amount of bagels and cream cheese was perfect
- We had enough cookies & bars to probably feed the whole catholic schools system staff & teachers – they lasted until Friday.
- Suggestion for next year – to have a coffee & hot chocolate day
- We got 4 meat & cheese trays delivered – the teachers liked the tray with the sliced meat and cheese better than the cubed but enjoyed the cubed nonetheless.
- We ran out of pop on Thursday morning, and it worked out fine to put an email out to ask for more.
- We had enough water and flavored water
- Because of teacher work day and the track meet, we will be able to enjoy the popcorn and candy for a few days this week. Getting the big bags of candy that were resealable was a great idea.

Play comments:

- The play was awesome
- How do the play titles get chosen?
 - Teresa Fester picks the play. She does share her ideas with Fr. Haggerty, Kyle, Joan and Steve Kueter.
 - Normally she does one family oriented play then the next year she does more of an adult play
 - Feedback from several people brought forward by one parent regarding having a pregnancy before marriage in the play.
 - ✚ Another member then brought up that this is a great conversational piece to have as a family after the play.
 - Teresa does look at the maturity of her students when picking each play.

Have a great summer!

Next Meeting – Fall 2017