

Our Lady of Lake Huron School Council Meeting MINUTES

Thursday, January 24, 2019

6:00pm

I. Opening Prayer – Hail Mary

II. Reading of Mission Statement:

Rooted in our Catholic faith, Our Lady of Lake Huron Schools nurtures character through service, promotes academic excellence, and develops Christ centered virtues

III. Additions to the Agenda

IV. Action Items

a. Introduction of Superintendent

i. 14 schools, 2000 students in the Diocese

ii. Cormac Lynn, teaching and coaching experience. Currently working towards his doctorate from U of M Flint. Wants us to know that the position exists and that the diocese is working to help provide more support to schools. He is here to listen and please know that he is a resource. There are many people advocating for Catholic schools .

b. Present triumphs and concerns to Superintendent of Diocese

i. STRENGTHS:

1. Reading data compared to others in the county

a. 4 grades had 92% meeting target or higher than the county average and two grades had 100% meeting target.

2. Sense of community here, cross-curricular reading groups, etc.

3. There is an organic teaching of good social/emotional skills

ii. CONCERNS:

1. We would like any financial assistance we can get to help keep class sizes small, teachers compensated, and continue to provide academic and special classes.

a. Suggested 40% of parish should support the school – this is just a figure that came up in informal conversation

b. Currently assessing all parishes with schools and determining how to help

2. Teacher compensation is low.

a. School Committee did a study a few years ago and our teachers make much less than most.

b. This is essential to keep it competitive.

c. Before February meeting, he will put a master list together of available endowment funds that teachers can have access to.

3. Technology concerns

a. Need updated computers

b. Need technology plan in place to replace little by little

- c. Could possibly apply for a grant that ties teaching to learning which included technology.
 - 4. Support from the church/Diocese
 - a. more transparency needed
 - b. structure of tiny committees
 - c. provide supports to priests who have never run a school
 - d. stretch out sacraments later
 - 5. Nuns as resources
 - a. Are there nuns that we could have work here and teach?
 - b. He is going to check and let us know.
 - c. Specials for second semester
 - i. Discussion with Zion before Christmas break and Lakers is not willing at this time.
 - ii. Will have a conversation with specials teachers for second semester
 - iii. They are still awaiting payment for first semester. Will know more at HSC meeting on Monday.
 - d. Determination of supports in K-4?
 - i. All classes (K-4) get some kinds of supports based on student need
 - ii. Data is collected three times a year so changes could be coming this semester due to most recent assessment results
 - iii. 3rd & 4th gets less supports based on DIBELS & NWEA scores
 - iv. Mrs Clor and Mrs Rapson and Mrs. Marge are in K, 2st, & 2nd grade
 - v. Ms Stahl works with 1st graders each day
 - e. List of items for February 5th meeting
 - i. Not necessary to do now as the structure of the meeting is going to be a bit different than originally thought.
- V. Citizen's Comments
- a. Tuition: how many of the other schools pay per family? He said most are scaffolded based on multiple kids in the school.
 - b. Who decides which nuns go where? The assumption is the relationship between the order of the nuns and where they are assigned. The nuns need permission to be in the Diocese, but he is unsure, so he is going to look into it and let us know.
- VI. Old Business
- a. Update on possible moving of computers to upstairs to support another daycare room
 - i. Need to have an electrician look at the electrical component but an assessment was done on the # of computers and the wiring.
 - ii. Suggested to sit down with Mrs. Will/Mrs. Mazure and discuss this further.
- VII. Closing Prayer
- VIII. Adjourn @ 7:22pm