

Our Lady of Lake Huron School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 29, 2018

6:00pm

I. Sacramental Prep Conversation with Beth and Lori

- a. Question regarding why students cannot get more sacramental prep during school hours:
 - i. Not a “perk” of the school because it is a parish program not a school program. Parents need to be involved with students and that cannot happen during school. This is for the parents also because they have chosen to raise their kids with the sacraments so they need to understand those sacraments as well.
 - ii. Would get “tricky” to host sacramental prep during school hours as students from the public school would not be involved and thus would involve two meetings.
 - iii. They are told to involve the parents; it is not something that they choose to do.
 - iv. Base meeting times on survey from parents over the past years. Found that Thursdays are the best meeting dates based on survey results. Daycare has been provided in past and other days have not worked as well as Thursdays.
 - v. Mentioned that faith formation participation drops off after 2nd grade so suggestion was made to have confirmation later than 2nd grade.
 - vi. Making the sacraments is not a requirement; it is a choice that parents make.
 - vii. Content is “additional” to content presented during the school day and/or at atrium. Atrium is designed to have a “spiraling curriculum”.
 - viii. Catechesis of the Good Shephard is what we offer here at Holy Name of Mary Parish and that is not similar to what is offered at other parishes, so a comparison cannot be made.
 - ix. If parents feel that they cannot complete this program here, they understand that there are cases where this program will not work with parents and they will help them get in touch with a neighboring parishes even though they would not like to see them make the sacrament here.
 - x. Are willing to put out a survey again this year to see what feedback they can get from parents about times.
 - xi. Currently every other Thursday night from 6-8pm.
 - xii. No word at this point when these sacraments are going to be in the spring. “Anxious to find out the date and will give out the information as soon as they find out.”

II. Action Items

- a. Possible School reflection on Sundays or more school involvement in Sunday masses
 - i. Nice to see kids more involved in Sunday masses doing things besides altar serving
 - ii. It would be nice to see middle and high school students be lectors, cantor, tape mass, ushers, greeters, etc.
 - iii. Perhaps make a community service requirement for middle school

- iv. Offer training for students so that they want to volunteer more.
- v. Eucharistic meeting training local for high schoolers and parents/parishioners interested
- b. Superintendent of Diocese Meeting Date
 - i. Intent is to have a meet-n-greet with parents and come to a school committee meeting in January, February, or March during dismissal time to meet parents. IF parents cannot attend at that time, they can meet him at the school committee meeting that night
 - ii. January 24th or March 21st and let him pick which date works best for him.
 - iii. He has been conversing with Mrs. Goulet about curriculum within the school, the area, and the diocese. As more info is given, Cathy will share that information,
 - iv. Catholic Schools Week: He is asking that parents and students present the gifts and to say a few words after mass to neighboring parishes (January 27th).
 - v. Any families willing to do this in Ruth, Parisville, Ubly, Palms, and Rapson, please let Jess Siemen know so she can reach out to them. Mrs. Goulet will e-mail this request to all families too.
 - vi. This will lead into a parish/school open house in the spring.
- c. Safe Drinking Water
 - i. Made contact with the state and has not heard back yet but they will come in and test the drinking water free of charge.
 - ii. We agreed to have this done.
- d. Specials for Next Semester
 - i. Mrs. Brown from Zion has contacted Lakers but has not heard back yet.
 - ii. HSC has paid for specials for this semester.
 - iii. If Lakers denies this, Mrs. Goulet will call a special meeting.
 - iv. She has a meeting with Dr. Bishop on Tuesday at 2:00pm to meet and greet.
- e. Plans for next year – hiring, offerings, splits, etc.
 - i. Different committees will be meeting to decide on how to plan for school next year
 - ii. A presentation will be given to talk about finances, plans to make to keep the school vibrant.
 - iii. By February there will be a meeting where finance committee, parish council, the principal and school committee will be at that meeting to juggle ideas.
 - 1. We will talk about this at January meeting and come up with suggestions to present at this February meeting.

III. Old Business

- a. Follow-Up Discussion on daycare additional room proposal
 - i. It is a good recruiting piece as well as a need as many children are currently on a wait list.
 - ii. Arlene Will was very open to this idea but said the biggest issue is finding employees to staff another room.
 - iii. Suggestion to make the computer room another daycare room (this would work out great according to Arlene)
 - iv. Move computers upstairs to old Kindergarten room

v. Arlene Will is willing to do this if she can find people to work. They are restricted to working 20 hours a week, so if you know of someone who would like to work, she would open up another room here for all of those on the waiting list.

b. K-1 Split Update

i. Will discuss splits for next year at February meeting

ii. Update on really nice supports being offered in K-1 to assist with learning for all

IV. Citizen's Comments:

- a. The length of the sacramental prep is the issue not the day or the time. The frustration is more with that because kids are exhausted and need their attention captured.
- b. Suggested that the evangelization committee be at the February meeting to help spread the word of the God, which is done through the school.
- c. School committee needs to be at the meeting representing the school
- d. Father is trying hard to get all committees together to be one parish and work together as one parish.
- e. Maybe think about the movement of computers and the cost that would be before really considering it. Tami will look at the upstairs to see if the move would even be feasible.
- f. Comment on status of back tuition: everyone who owed back tuition has been contacted; if they did not set up a payment plan, it has been taken a step further and people are making their payments.
- g. Encourage the school families to get involved in the parish – usher, lector, cantor, be a Eucharistic minister, etc.

V. Closing Prayer

VI. Adjourn – at 7:25pm

- a. Present: Rachel Roggenbuck ,Cathy Goulet, Fr. George, Tami Nickrand, Kristen LeGault, Theresa Hessling from committee
- b. Others present: Beth Gornowich, Jodi Capling, Renee DeShano, Melissa, Stahl, Lori Murawske, Beth Guza, Deanna Wruble