

STA School Commission Meeting - 9.3.14

Present: Tim Delaney, Crystal Haslett, Maggie Bowden, Vicente Giordanelli, Cinnamon Caughlan (HSA), Matt Hayes, Chip Garver, Andrew Purdie, Cara Swinefurth(Principal)

Opening Prayer – Tim Nation

School Commission Training – School Commission members email Cara by Sept. 11, 2014

Auction – fund a need will be elevator project

Tim will be emcee for this at the auction

Send Tim any stories or ideas regarding why the elevator project is needed at STA

Questions for Tim regarding the fund a need

Tim asked School Commission members to share information regarding fund a need

Youth art contest winner – art piece was to be used in the 75th anniversary and possibly the auction

Strategic Plan Process

Tim asked that members fill in committee spots

HSA Report

Next Meeting Sept. 9th

HSA will begin to work on the grant program

Sip & Serve – Parish event could use more support – School Commission can support this event by connecting Catholic Identity committee with Sip & Serve

Discussion regarding Parent volunteer participation

Incentives for Parent participation

Updates to the website

Finance Report

2014-2015 General Budget discussion

School Report – Principal

Staffing – 2nd grade teacher hired for the 2014-2015 school year (current staff member)

Part time position & Butler student involvement during the day and after school tutoring

Accreditation Visit – Sept. 10th

Strategic Plan Update

Formal homeroom teacher and resource teachers meetings

Established a 6th grade seminar class (meets one day per week) to work on middle school transition, study skills, organization

Faculty Development

Professional development partnership with Little Flower

OCE professional development (student data)

Differential Learning

- Coordinating between DI teachers and classroom teachers
- Establish the push-in approach to meet the needs of more students

Curriculum

- New Indiana Academic Standard 2014
- Implementing cross –curricular approach (more real world problems, social justice)

Advancement

- Committee will meet with Cara to talk about the fundraising priorities for the school
- Committee will continue with brainstorming ideas – continued marketing (preschools)
- Developing leaders of marketing team
- Discussion regarding enrollment numbers for Kindergarten in schools similar to St. Thomas

Technology

- Committee met in August – debriefed tech camp, current projects, website updates, social media
- Next meeting will focus on the technology strategic plan
- Discussion regarding technology 3 year plan

Catholic Identity

- Committee will meet to transition leadership
- Comprehensive plan to coordinate parish and school
- Discussion regarding role of youth ministry leader

Additional Notes: Cara will present to Finance committee at a future meeting. School Commission members are invited to share thoughts/ideas

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm

Next meeting: November