

## SCHOOL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Attended: Tim Delaney, Cara Swinefurth, Susan Williams, Maggie Bowden, Chip Garver, Vincente Andrew Purdie

January 7, 2015

President Remark:

Vice-President is needed for School Commission

Need to schedule Retreat to update School Commission plan

The goal for the meeting in January

Discussion took place on the expectations of the retreat

Updates for each goal are needed

Home School Association Report:

Speaker will be coming on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7Pm

Information regarding speaker will be shared with North Deanery Schools

Discussion about room parents encouraging parents to attend

Finance Report:

No Report

School Report: Cara

Current enrollment is 210 students

Kindergarten screenings will be in February

Re-enrollment forms for 15-16 School Year will be sent home in January

Choice Scholarship Reconciliation

Discussion regarding status of Choice Scholarships

Mayor Ballard will visit St. Thomas Aquinas

Award for Robotics Team – January 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

ISTEP – Format is new geared toward College and Career Ready

Discussion about communication that will go to parents

Advent School Recap

- Service project -- stock the shelves of the Boulevard Place food pantry, resulting in over 900 items
- Morning prayer in the gym included lighting the Advent wreath and special Advent prayers
- "Straw" (strips of yellow paper with acts of kindness completed by students) filled the manger of the Nativity depicted in the hallway leading to the classrooms.
- Focus of the classroom -- Advent is a time of preparation that leads to a joyous celebration (minimizing commercialism)
- Stations of Advent led by the 7th grade (12/2)

- Advent Prayer services led by the 8th grade (12/4, 12/11, 12/15, 12/18)
- Various activities in each classroom -- every classroom has an Advent wreath for special prayers; crafts, readings, projects, etc.

Marketing/Advancement: Maggie

Discussion about communication on Scholarships

Update/discussion regarding development of parishioners and non-parishioners communication regarding fundraising.

Marketing will be meeting to develop a plan (several parents have joined this committee)

Technology: Andrew

Committee is working toward getting data on specific people who are visiting the sites

Website is approximately 4 months old (Several compliments on the website)

Technology committee is seeking additional members

Technology committee will begin work on Tech Camp

Technology will begin working on setting up an instructional video for parking instructions

Catholic Identify: Susan

Review of committee members

The committee met to review and discuss goals

Request to have Principal or School Commission President share something about Catholic Identify

Next Meeting: March 4, 2015