



St. Joseph Catholic School School Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2016

6:30-8:00 pm

Celestin Center

Members in attendance:

Keith Edwards
Jeff Seibert
Kantin Miller
Mary Kay Turner
Audrey Watt

We began with an opening prayer led by Dan.

The meeting was led by Keith Edwards.

- Keith asked how many years St. Joseph has been an 'A' rated school. The Clarion ad will state that we have been an 'A' rated school for over a decade.
- We discussed Catholic Charities counselor and her role at St. Joe
- April 13th and 27th meeting minutes were read and approved.
- Principal's Report was given by Dan.
 - Mr. "A", retired principal Gene Anderson, travels to schools and paints US maps on school parking lots. He has offered to paint a map for St. Joe. Ours will be the first in Indiana and his 323rd overall.
 - A new St. Joseph banner is being displayed at the Little League fields on the fence at the Major League field.
 - Eva Ice and Evan Ice were each excited to be Principal for Day.
 - Mrs. Walden's retirement was celebrated with a gathering on May 6th.
 - Mrs. Sabrina and Mrs. Erica held a Mother's Day Tea for the Pre-K groups.
- Reviewed some ideas raised at the Town Hall meeting for our Strategic Planning.
 - Some remodeling to move the school entrance and office to the library end. Construction would be a long term project goal.
 - Start posting the approved School Council meeting minutes on the school website starting with the August 2016 meeting.
 - Teacher swap is a good idea. Doesn't involve any substitute teachers and could provide new ideas and motivation.
 - Introduce an incentive program to increase parent involvement. Need to research ways to track service hours.

- Increase marketing possibly with flyers and St. Joseph Alumni or Student stickers. Keith suggested sending out a mailer to encourage interest in our school.
- Dan discussed the school's wellness policy and is proposing a few changes to the policy.
 - Diane, our cafeteria manager, will be buying all the snacks to ensure more healthy choices for the students
 - Fitness/walking will continued to be an encouraged component
 - Only 50% of fundraisers during the school year can offer unhealthy items
 - An active wellness committee is being formed and will address an audit on our cafeteria and following our established wellness policy
- Kantin will be sending out the ad layout for review and suggestions. She will ask if it is possible to run the ad on a Friday.
- A closing prayer, Hail Mary was led by Lora, then Glory Be recited by all.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2016.