

Nativity of Mary School Commission Meeting

March 11, 2010

Members Present: Barb Castagna, Tim Forby, Sue Koplín, Lori Matlon, Katy McGrane, Dan Murphy, Dan Riley, and Corinne Thomson

7:35 Opening of Meeting

- Prayer
- Approved February minutes

Principal Updates:

- Tuition committee: Barb informed the commission of a tuition committee that is being formed by Tony Mailhot. She asked if there was a commission member interested in being on this committee. Dan Riley is interested in hearing more about this committee.
- Family Feast: Barb inquired as to if the commission would be interested in hosting another Family Feast this spring. Last year, the Family Feast was the commission's effort to inform all parents and community about Nativity in general and also the work being done on the initiatives of the task forces that developed out of the accreditation process from January 2009. The commission decided that there is not a strong need for a Family Feast this Spring but will plan on hosting a gathering next school year in October 2010.
- Auction—"Fund-A-Need" update: The Silent Auction committee is deciding on this year's dedicated fundraiser. Fr. Steve, Tony, and Barb are also looking at the capital campaign areas of need and weighing into this conversation. The playground and dishwasher for the kitchen are items that are near the top of the list. A grant writing proposal process for the playground is also in the works. A letter about the status of the playground will be coming out to parents sometime this spring.
- The school is moving forward with its desire to purchase more technology aids. Smart boards are being priced out and the idea of a "Classroom of the Future" stationed within the school building for all students to use. Teachers would bring their students to this site and would be able to use the wired technology to deliver their lesson. Smart boards are being considered for the dedicated fundraiser.
- Commission news: Recruitment for 4 new commission members for the 2010-2011 school year is underway. Corinne Thomson will work on revising the application and general information sheet that will go into communication

folders by March 25th. All current members are encouraged to personally invite parents to apply.

- A chair person is needed for next year's commission. All Nativity parishioners on the commission are asked to please consider this opportunity.

Sub-committee updates

- Composting update: Members of the Go Green KIDS council committee did make newer and brighter posters to display by the garbage/composting area of the cafeteria. Barb mentioned that already the school is having garbage pick-up less often and they are very happy with this immediate change.
- Parish Council update: Therese attended the meeting. Fr. Steve continues with the mission of "What's on the hearts and minds of Nativity parishioners?". They will randomly select parishioners for small focus groups and hope to start the focus groups in April. They will serve a meal and openly discuss some survey questions. The survey is still being finalized by Fr. Steve and Pat Cotter. Fr. Steve also asked PPC members and commission members to keep open the morning of Saturday, April 17th 10-11:30. This is related to parish planning and the focus groups.

Open Discussion

- Dan Riley suggested Barb include another reminder in News and Notes regarding Target Visa cards and designating Nativity as the school recipient on the card.
- There are 21 preschoolers sign up for the Fall. There is another open house scheduled for April 29th. Barb just posted the job opening for the preschool teacher.
- It was noted that in the future communications for the Dad's Pancake Breakfast, it would be beneficial to have the breakfast list a specific goal for its fundraising efforts.
- Katy asked for input about the Marathon 2010. A service theme will be used and a committee is forming to work on this. All interested are asked to contact Katy to help.

8:50 Meeting adjourned

