

EPIC

Educator Parent Improvement Council

COMMUNITY NIGHT MEETING MINUTES

10 March 2016

Opening Prayer: Led by Megan Halverson

Community Members in attendance: Megan Halverson, Heather & Patrick Hart, Pam Schwartz, Tammy Eppinghoff, Soraya Greer, Laura Warner, Terry Jacobs, Jen Hengehold, Stephanie & Dave Strano, Brian & Kathleen Pendergest, Nicole Pfirmman, Anne Gerdes, Cheryl Kordes, Sara Wissman, Andrea Brennan, Mike & Kim Cochran, Julie Treadway, David & Lyndsay Phipps, Shannon Sieg Storm, Emma Blake, Angie Wirtz

Business Meeting

I. Budget Report (Terry Jacobs)

- Ending cash balance: \$64,500 after paying approximately \$15,000 towards our new technology initiative.
 - Paid for wireless
 - Paid for Google
 - First Dell Chromebook payment (leased over a period of 3 years)
 - Donation of \$5700 went towards Campus Improvement

II. Committee Reports

- Fundraising (Kathleen Pendergest & Pam Schwartz)
 - Parents Night Out
 - 36 kids signed up
 - Kids were fed dinner, shown a movie, and participated in crafts, games & activities
 - Hope to plan this next year during the holiday season to allow parents time to shop and prepare for the season.
 - Night at the Races – March 19, 2016
 - Parents only
 - Ryan's Tavern (2nd floor); all-inclusive with purchase of tickets
 - Friday Lunches
 - Have generated a profit of about \$1200 to date
 - Planning on adding extra Friday lunch options next year.
 - Vendor Craft Fair
 - Looking at setting this up next Spring (2017)
 - Looking at dates on the calendar to plan this event.
- Marketing (Katie Crank & Jen Hengehold)
 - Facebook Campaign was successful. We had 35,000 clicks/views on the video.
 - Will continue to use it in the coming years
 - Yard signs will be distributed to graduating 8th graders the last week of school.
- Events (Amanda Ward)
 - Skating Party – Would love to plan more next school year. Will look in advance for dates for next year.
 - Father Daughter Dance
 - Great turnout
 - Shawna and Tiffany Brandabur did an amazing job planning and decorating!
 - Mother Son Bowling
 - A lot of fun was had by all! Thank you Julie Treadway and Amanda Ward for planning it!

- Parents Prom- Back to the 80's
 - Saturday, April 23
 - \$30/couple; St. Peter in Chains Gym
- End of the Year Family Picnic
 - May 26th at Hanover Park-6PM; bring a dish to pass
 - A 2010 graduate, Mark Joshua will be there to play his guitar
- Education Commission (*Angie Bucheit & Aileen Ernst*)
 - Chrome books are organized in carts and in beginning phase of staff rollout.
 - Creating a staff training website to support accreditation goals.
 - By Monday, computers can be checked out to teachers and then used in the classrooms after Spring Break.
 - Linda Reimer is working on staff development
- Campus Improvement Committee (*Craig Bucheit & Stephanie Strano*)
 - Parking Lot repair quotes range from \$38000 - \$45000 to resurface entire school & church parking lot; Jeff Brennan has volunteered his time to help with this project and resolve the issue with the repair and replacement of catch basins.
 - AC/Heating project is going to be tabled until July. We received our quote and it was much higher than initially expected. We are looking at a total price (Heat/AC, Electric, and Labor) around \$135,000. Because this is a huge expense, we want to allow those that need to grant approval time to consider this project.
- Welcome PAC (*Andrea Brennan & Megan Halverson*)
 - Open House
 - 24 families attended; more than ½ of attendees have registered.
 - May Family Matchup will happen shortly once registration winds down.
- Teacher Support (*Tiffany Brandabur*)
 - Teacher Appreciation Week the week of May 2nd ; will be recruiting help in the coming month.
- Student Leadership (*Megan Halverson & Stephanie Strano*)
 - iSpace started this week for students in grade 1-4.
 - Hoping this group will be the base group of the LEGO League
 - If anyone is interested in helping with the LEGO League, please contact Megan Halverson or Soria Greer
 - Girls on the Run
 - Julie Treadway and Bridgett Pate are looking at how to implement this at St. Pete's.
 - There's 24 lessons, 2 times a week for 12 weeks (February 8-May 7th)
 - Will try to start this next year.
 - 12-15 girls in grades 3-5 and grades 6-8
- Athletic Board (*Mike Cochran*)
 - Basketball season with the new league was smooth. St. Pete's, St. Julies, St. Joe's & St. Anne's are combined to form a team.
 - After gym rental, ref fees, and other line items, we have broken even.
 - Football is coming up and registration forms were sent home. We are combined with St. Anne's and Sacred Hearts. Will be called the Saber Cats.
 - All new equipment and no kickoffs. Trying to make the sport safer for all students to participate.
 - April 2nd the football teams get to spend the day with UC players working out in their facility.
- Scouts (*James Craft, Sarah Kessler, & Karen Warner*)
 - Scouts are doing great. Busy with events like Scout Sunday, Girl Scout cookie sale, thinking day, and meetings.
 - Juniors presented at 1st communion retreat and talked to the students about their faith and how they felt during their 1st communion. Have been invited to talk to the students at St. Julies.

III. Teacher's Report

- o Iowa's testing is completed!

IV. Calendar Updates/Reminders (*Megan Halverson*)

- Mark your calendar, and continue to check The Link and our website, for all mentioned events!
- Please look at Educator Parent Improvement Council Leadership Slate for the 2016-2017 school year. If you are interested in taking on a leadership role within EPIC, please let Megan Halverson know! The more people that get involved, the more successful our school is.
- Next EPIC Community Night will take place at the End of the Year Picnic on Thursday, May 26th at 6pm at Hanover Park

V. Parish Council Update (Dave Strano, chairman of pastoral council)

- Council has seen size grow from 6 to 10, but still could use an additional 2 participants and would like to see increased school involvement
- Recap of parish finances, 2015 deficit and 2016 projected deficit
- Deficits driven by lower collections, school enrollment and bingo proceeds
- Budget challenges need to be solved by driving higher enrollment, specifically through non-parishioners and increased collections via attracting more parishioners
- Need to take on an active media and social media campaign to build momentum for the parish as EPIC has for the school
- Parish is looking at ways to drive accountability for "parishioner tuition" qualification
- First steps of parish regionalization will become public this spring / summer and school and parish need to be prepared for these changes