

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School

School Board Minutes

August 14, 2014

Attendance: Jesse Neve, Rick Epple, Danny Patterson, Rhonda Eurich, Melinda Young, Dr. Constance Krocak, Linda Johnson, Cheryl Hibbard, Fr. Tony O'Neill, Mary Ament-Johnson and Tara Collins.

Absent: Kirk Gadelmann, Mike Reier, Jen Reier, Mary Ament-Johnson and Kassie Ricke.

Enrollment Update:

- 103 registered
- 7 undecided
- Preschool – 22 full-time and 7 part-time

Staffing Update:

- Science – Melinda will teach 7th and 8th grade Science, and Mrs. Meyer will teach 5th and 6th grade
- Phy Ed – open position has not yet been filled
- Preschool
 - Additional teacher has been hired
 - May need to hire an additional aide for preschool

School Update:

- Chrome books – all students in 5th – 8th grade will have a chrome book, as well as each teacher
- Blended Learning:
 - Work to get information for Blended Learning in the Back to School issue of the Laker – Rhonda to reach out to Erin Wombacher – we'd like an advance copy to see prior to release
 - Would like to see a Blended Learning update at Curriculum night – in addition to what it is, what can we expect for results
- School Culture
 - Faculty met twice over the summer
 - Connie sent a draft copy to the school board on Friday, 8/15
- NET Retreat
 - First one held at OLL
 - Wed., September 10 – all students in grades 5-8
 - Action – need to really get the word out on this – great opportunity for our students – first time, etc.
- OLL Web Page
 - Desperately need to identify a resource to update the page
 - Need to have teachers trained to update their personal web pages
- Dress Code
 - Revision to dress code – Preschool – 4th grade – addition of red shirts and grades 5 – 8 can wear blazers and ties – all is optional

Budget:

- Last year we lost \$85K
- May need to budget \$12-\$15 each year for technology curriculum
- This year's student discounts and financial aid needs were high
- Budget as presented was approved

Fundraising:

- OLL Open – only 25 ppl signed up
- Registration closes on Sept. 15
- Need 70 ppl to break even, goal is 120
- Update Marque out front with OLL Open information
- Molly Price-Munson to get on the Laker Events Calendar
- Goal for event is \$10K
- Tara to reach out to Mike and Jen regarding fundraising meeting

Strategic Plan:

- Connie rewrote OLL's 3-year strategic plan
- Connie emailed a draft copy of the strategic plan to the school board on Fri., 8/15

Marketing Committee Update – Molly:

- Need to create an environment to promote school spirit – similar to Holy Family with banners
- Need to ramp up our marketing materials
- Need to clearly define elements/tasks that marketing committee does, i.e. – fundraising marketing vs. enrollment/school only marketing

Finance Committee Update – Rick:

- Need to revise financial aid process
- Need to document duties – lots to do, need more people involved
- Reach out to parish community to get more people involved

Technology Update:

- Great group with a lot of expertise
- Cornerstone – Need to truly understand what this technology brings:
 - Lots of possibilities with this need better understanding of what parents can expect from teachers
 - There is a news feed for all your kids
 - Students will no longer go to the technology lab – technology will be taught in the classroom by the homeroom teacher
- Beth Randklev will be in charge of the standardized testing process, and technology maintenance

New Families/Mentor Families

- Need to reach out to new families
- Lots of new families with preschool and some new families in the rest of the school
- Connie to provide list, and we assign members from the school board and PTO to serve as mentor families – if we don't have enough, reach out to other parents

Parent Champions:

- Need to draft a communication that teachers can use to send email to the parents in their classroom asking for Parent Champion volunteers

Next meeting:

- Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014
- School Faculty Lounge – 3rd Floor