

## Our Lady of the Lake School

### School Board Minutes

July 11, 2013

Attendance: Fr. Tony O'Neil, Dr. Constance Krocak, Rhonda Eurich and Elected Board Members

1. Meeting was called to order and prayer was led by Fr. Tony
2. Meeting minutes from June meeting were approved.
3. Detailed review of MNSAA (Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association), Strategic Objective #9 – Connie to reach out to see if we can “resubmit”
  - Strategy 1 – Step 3 – add “public”. Discussions taking place with Rob Bell, Admissions at Holy Family to ensure our kids are prepared for math.
  - Strategy 2 – Step 1 – Develop a more supportive community among family, faculty and students. Connie indicated her desire to start a Parish House, comprised of kids from Pre-K through Grade 8. Each house would have a teacher and possibly a parent advisor.
  - Strategy 2 – Step 2 – Connie questioned what the \$5K approved for marketing would be used for – encouraged as much online presence as possible – additional discussion that videos need to get completed.
  - Strategy 3 – Step 2 – from this point forward we will refer to classes as:
    - Lower School – Pre K through Grade 4
    - Middle school – Grades 5 – 8
  - Strategy 3 – Step 2 – additional training is being done to help teachers continue to learn more about the multi-age classroom to ensure they are ready in September.
  - Strategy 3 – Step 3
    - Connie is actively talking to Mark Femrite at MWHS and also Rob Bell at Holy Family. NWEA test provide a broad picture, but daily, formative assessments and summative assessments of learning are needed.
    - Change “fully prepared” to “academically prepared”
    - Need to further explore curriculum mapping tools – Connie will speak to the teachers.
    - Danny will reach out to Zach from Conerstone to set up a meeting to discuss SIS (school info system), which is Archdiocese-approved
  - Strategy 3 – Step 4 – in the past we have been too quick to jump on technology trends. We need to begin a migration to Ipads/Google Chromebooks – there is significant costs to this – will most likely require a separate fundraising campaign.
  - Strategy 3 – Overview statement – Change “one of the best” to “the strongest”
4. How do we measure success?

- Testimonials
  - Need to measure outputs
  - Highlight our graduates
5. Need more presence at mass – Fr. Tony has already asked Dana to include the school in our weekly petitions
  6. Fundraising – Mike passed out his draft General Fundraising Plan
    - Discussed optimal levels of fundraising
    - Need to revisit all current events and discuss future plans – Mike will schedule meeting with past event chairs within the next two weeks
    - Need to firm up the Alumni list – Mike to reach out to Steve Bedell and Michaela Diercks
    - Need to have a large event during Catholic Schools Week
  7. Preschool and KidConnection
    - Bright Beginnings Preschool is now officially OLL Preschool
    - OLL Pre-Kindergarten is the group of Preschoolers who will enter Kindergarten the following school year
    - KidConnection is now OLL+ - Cost will be a flat fee of \$1K/student/school year
    - Preschool half day is 3 hours, not the standard 2 ½ hours – need to highlight this in all marketing materials
  8. Staff discount was discussed extended to Pre-K through Grade 8 – 25%. Discount will be pro-rated for part-time staff.
  9. Staff update:
    - Language Arts teacher – hoping to extend offer either Fri., 7/12 or Mon., 7/15
    - Science teacher – hoping to extend an offer week of July 15 – if at all possible, this communication needs to include the resignation of Ms. Thompson to ensure all parents understand she is leaving and this new hire is her replacement.
    - May be able hire a part-time staff person to help with the Grade 3/Grade 4 classroom
  10. Meeting adjourned with a prayer led by Fr. Tony.
  11. August Board Meeting scheduled for Thurs., August 1