

School Commission Meeting – September 6, 2011

1. Principal's report - see attached.
2. Mike Gerstbauer spoke about St. Philomena and the possibility of teaching our students about her. Jenny Geers is looking into the possibilities with the Catholic Identity committee.
3. We set our institutional goals for the 2011-2012 school year, which were included in the document for the archdiocese.

To promote St. Louis School within the parish, as well as in Batesville and the surrounding communities.

1. **Develop a marketing and advertising plan.**
 2. **Increase awareness of the SGO and School Voucher programs.**
 3. **Secure donations to fund the SGO program.**
 4. **Publish pertinent information regarding the academic standing of the school**
 5. **Expand the subcommittee for Retention and Recruitment**
4. Voted to keep the attendance policy as is.
 5. Discussed ways to promote donations to the SGO.
 6. Discussed Retention and Recruitment activities including:
 - a. Bulletin boards in the back of Church containing information about the great things going on in the school.
 - b. Baptism gifts for the newly baptized from the school.
 - c. Birthday cards for those not yet of school age.
 - d. Video promoting the school.

Next meeting: Monday, October 3, 2011 at 7pm in B1

School Commission - Principal Report
9/06/11

Retention/Recruitment

1. 125 letters were sent out to parents letting them know about the SGO/Voucher programs (kindergartners enrolled at SLS, kindergartners enrolled at BPS, students that left SLS to go to a public school, parishioners that have students in the public school). Information was sent to surrounding parishes to put into their bulletins also.
2. 14 kindergarten families are taking advantage of the SGO program.
3. All kindergarten parents were called to see how their children were adjusting.
4. The Feinstein Foundation gave SLS \$1000 for acts of kindness. This was published in our bulletin. The money was used to create a new room for RTI and another for speech and counseling.
5. Our numbers are up in preschool (55), but down in SLS (399).
6. On the Monday of Open House we had a mother and a grandma register a child for preschool. During this process they mentioned that while they were at BPS, they were told, "St. Louis has the best preschool in town. They do the best job of getting the kids ready for kindergarten." Congratulations Maureen and Kathy! Although we already knew this, it is incredible that the public school recognizes it.
7. WRBI reported our ISTEP scores in the news. Our scores rank us in the top 5 in the Archdiocese or 32nd out of the 1789 schools in Indiana (top 2% or top 1.79% to be exact).
8. Algebra 1 End of Course Assessment for SLS 2011 - Sixteen students took the algebra EOC. Not only did all 16 pass, they all received a pass+! That means we have a 100% passing rate for the 3rd year in a row. Scores could range from 0-900 and it took a score of 564 to pass. One student scored a perfect 900 and two more score a near perfect 891. The average score for SLS students was 777. Congratulations SLS students, parents, staff, and parish!
9. A School Choice meeting was held in conjunction with OA on August 31.

Grants/Finance

1. We received a check from Gus Hillenbrand---the William A. and Martha H. Hillenbrand Foundation just granted us \$8,000.00 toward the purchase of the 13 whiteboards.

Miscellaneous

1. 2010-2011 was our first year implementing the RTI (Response To Instruction) program. The teachers and I worked together to implement this new process. Since each school is supposed to develop the system that best works for them, there was much trial and error. At the end of the year, we were pleased with the progress students made in RTI. Angie Moster will be given the opportunity to run the 2011-2012 RTI program. In preparation for this transition, I sent her to Orton-Gillingham training in May to get trained in the best practices for helping kids learn to read. She is also a licensed teacher.
2. Thank you to Tony Gutzwiller and Wade Ryle for all of the work creating the new counseling/speech and RTI rooms.
3. Our Faith 2000 scores were very good. We scored higher than the Archdiocesan average in 18 of 21 categories.
4. OCE was here on August 11 meeting with school commission. They made a comment about the cleanliness of the school on three separate occasions. During the meeting they said, "Your school is so clean. Every time I come here your school looks great!" They were especially amazed at the look of the floors.
5. We are now conducting Morning Prayer sessions before school for staff members.
6. A registered sex offender was living very close to SLS. I emailed the county sheriff's office and asked them about what the law says about this. Within 2 hours, they visited the man and told him he had 48 to relocate. He was actually gone by the next morning. The issue is that SLS was not listed on the map so they had no idea.
7. Hi Chad,
If possible could you give me info on how you're dealing with peanut allergies? This will be our first year of a student with peanut allergies and I called the hospital for info and they suggested talking with you because St. Louis does a great job on it. Could I have any copies of parent letters or anything you use?
Thanks and are we meeting Fri???
Judy