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St Joseph Catholic School  
School Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 25, 2015  
7:30

**SAC Members in Attendance:** Paul David, Opal Ehalt, Lonnie Fette, Trevor Jager, Bob Leuthner, Bruce Richards, Dave Schwob, Catherine Seck, Becky Tinucci and Karyn Willenbring

**Ad Hoc:** Rebecca Sonnek (Parish Council)

- I. Prayer
- II. Welcome new members: Opal Ehalt, Catherine Seck and Karyn Willenbring
- III. Archdiocesan Changes:
  - a. Name changed from OCS to Office for Mission of Catholic Education
  - b. New Director Jason Slattery: with Eric Pederson (associate director), Gary Wilmer (human resources), Holly Raab (office administrator)
  - c. Previous changes made to St. Joe's included: Cornerstone and updated report cards – no changes planned this year
  - d. Board of Directors have supported our C<sup>STEM</sup> efforts with multiple grants and continue to support our teacher development
    - a. We would like to thank the GHR foundation and members from the Board of Directors (from Best Buy and Target) with a personal note
  - e. Representative will be visiting our school to give assistance with recruiting processes and communication (both internally and externally)
- IV. Review Strategic Plan
  - a. Quickly reviewed updates and future needs
  - b. SmartLab setup could be marketed to students of all learning styles
  - c. The building of future Waconia schools could create availability for a Special Ed teacher to visit our school



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V. Planning for 2015-16

A. Advancement

- a. Nickle Dickle: 3on3 hopes for 80 teams – looking for refs
- b. Marathon: Current need for chair person
- c. Boogie Blast: 10 year anniversary, already getting started, goals for more alumni and new families – same band and location remains at the school
- d. Fore the Students: Current need for chair person
- e. Winstock: possibility for 160 volunteers to work two 4 hour shifts to earn \$20,000 for our school

B. Facilities & Marketing Work

- a. Paul David is constructing a document for school crisis management
- b. New member for Marketing team

C. Education Programs ~ New Faith program, , Math update, ELA focus

- a. Scored high on Math MCA – credit given to all our math league volunteers and C<sup>STEM</sup> initiatives
- b. ELA courses increasing to 2 block sessions for middle school this school year
- c. Formative and summative assessment teacher grading system this year – Bruce’s restaurant example
- d. Reinstating Shepherd family teams
  - i. Discussion of older students working on video/podcast to answer common questions about school
- e. Lonnie Fette is working with his company, KLJ Engineering, to plan skype sessions with classes – KLJ will give students ‘real world’ engineering problems and discuss possible solutions

D. Technology – update next meeting

E. Strategic Planning ~ Building and Grounds, C-STEM, special services, BASE programs

- a. Lego League returning
- b. Read through Bruce’s principal posts on our website



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- c. A Parishioner working to become an Eagle Scout will create one decade of the rosary with stones outside Bruce's office
- d. Water damage on NW corner of gym has been dried but we will continue to monitor

VI. Aim Higher Foundation

- A. Night of Light - Helps make Catholic education accessible to all families through scholarships to deserving students. September 26, 2015 at The Depot – 225 S. 3rd Ave.

VII. Election of Officers for 2015-16

- A. Chairperson- Bob Leuthner
- B. Vice-Chair- Dave Schwob
- C. Secretary- Karyn Willenbring