

St. Bruno Parish School Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2023

Attendees: Jenell Knitter, Ellen Knafllic, Katie Schulz, Paul Kronschnabel, Jean Bosenbecker, Mary MacDonald, Shana Castner

Pastoral Council Representative: n/a

Faculty Representative: n/a

Opening Prayer: A Prayer For Those Who Mourn: Bless those who mourn, eternal God, with the comfort of your love that they may face each new day with hope and the certainty that nothing can destroy the good that has been given. May their memories become joyful, their days enriched with friendship, and their lives encircled by your love. Amen.

Reading: This Is My Body/ Preface

Plan for next month: Read pgs 1-10 prior to next month's meeting and be prepared to discuss

Agenda Items (45 Minutes)

- Intros – Shana gave her bio info
- **Golf Outing** – Katie—we could use some more help. Currently have 50 registered golfers with addtl people who have made verbal commitments
- **Middle school dance** – Katie – Ellen mentioned St. Jerome has posed interest in joining our middle school dance (grades 6/7/8). Date TBD – possibly January before Carnival or post-Lent – Spring? Do on a Friday after school or early evening. Location TBD. Ellen will reach out to St. Jerome to gauge level of interest/ etc. More to be discussed on this next month.
- **Drop off/ pick up traffic flow** – Ellen – what is penalty for violation? Seems to be same people who repeatedly do not follow the drop-off flow. It was suggested we use traffic cones to funnel traffic so they have no option but to stay in the line. Can a staff member be a parking lot monitor? Discussion held about how violation would need to be addressed by a staffer at time it occurs. Ellen will look into the cone situation to see if we have some we can use for this.
- Can SAC assist with **running games/ craft for kids at the parish picnic on Sunday, October 8?** Stewardship Committee is requesting assistance through Britney Fowler. Sharon Burt could assist/ facilitate. John Hoffman is in charge of the picnic, so response will need to go to him. Shana will email committee asking for a response by 8/31 if someone can run games/ crafts at the picnic.

- **Oconomowoc Kids Fest** – successful event! Michael Fields (Shana Castner’s father) donated beach balls and pencils imprinted w/ St. Bruno’s logo for this event, so we had those to hand out, in addition to chip clips. Kristin Butler and Tammy Price worked the event, along w/ Mrs. MacDonald for the first hour. A lot of interest from families.
- **Service project ideas** – numerous ideas brought forward. It was determined we will make an annual event of the cookie donations to parishioners. We discussed getting the word out earlier this year on the cookie event and donations needed, as the supplies weren’t fulfilled last year. Talk of getting the sign up genius out in October for this, and also speaking about it at Back to School Night. The fleece blankets will also continue this year, ideally to be completed before Thanksgiving. Jenell and Ellen will head up both of these. For the blankets, it was discussed to limit the cutting to 8th graders/ adults – Mr. P suggested having the event be on a Friday afternoon rather than Sunday so the 8th graders could earn service hours. Other possible ideas discussed for future service projects: Valentines for Veterans or other veteran-specific projects.

Piano teacher’s father is going on the Nov 4th Honor Flight and the idea was brought up for contributing two things for that:

1. Mail Call – students write letters – due 10/1/23
2. Attendance at the Welcome Celebration at Dane County Airport (11/4/23)

- **Pajama Movie Night** – Date for same will be 10/4/23. Comments brought forward from parents about watching a more current movie – possibly PG rather than G? Will want to be sure to announce name of movie ahead of time so families can plan accordingly. Will want to ask for RSVPs/ permission slips for this event so interest can be gauged as well as knowing how much popcorn to make for it. Will also want to be sure to remind parents this is not a drop-off event—parents are required to stay for it.
- **Vocations**, specifically nuns speaking or having a relationship of some sort with the students – Ellen brought up Sisters of Schoenstatt and/ or Sisters of Mary Morning Star.

Principal’s Corner (30 Minutes)

- Enrollment update – currently at 89/ 90. One possible new student in 7th grade, as well as K3/K4, along with 2 others. Budget is for 95, so hopefully we do not dip below 90.
- Social – Emotional Learning Update – Shannon Gibbons’ time will be increased this school year from 8 hours/ week to 16 hours. She will be teaching social/ emotional learning to all levels. Curriculum is still to be developed.
- Curriculum update: Math: K5-4 will use Reveal Math, 5-8 will use Singapore Math
- Curriculum update: Spelling, Grammar, Handwriting will be addressed at all grade levels. App being added to Chromebooks—free to use, has games, was favorably received in the past
- Curriculum update: Religion—Abby Wass, the Parish Religious Education Youth Minister, will join in our Religion program as classroom support. Same material as in the past, but different presenter w/ the addition of Abby Wass doing it. Question from Katie about Bibles being used in school and students reading verses/ discussing/ etc. Ellen will review library resources, as we do have some children’s Bibles, but unknown how many.

- Curriculum update: English/ Language Arts: Grade 5 will join grades 6/7/8 in using Study Sync. Excitement around new teacher's approach for this year.
- Parent Night: Sept 14 – NEW DATE
- School staff begins August 15 with Holy Day Mass and retreat at Catholic Ecology Center
- Staff still needed: 3 days/ week After Care assistant, 2 days/ week K4 aide, office assistant for Fridays

Closing Prayer: Our Father

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, September 11, 5:45 pm, Gathering Space (NEW TIME FOR NEXT MONTH)