

Finance & Education Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 19th, 2017

Location: AHS Library Time: Finance 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Education 7:00 p.m.

Presiding: Michele Haas

Attending:

Ed Newton	Angie Peters	Mary Ann Getzin	Ken Piaro	Ralph Hamel
Andrea Pecher	Joan Bond	Angie Peters	Keith Wirtz	Kerry Meinel
Tara Biebl	Cari Bowe			

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer

2. Finance Meeting

a. Review August Financials

b. Enrollment & Strategic planning

Discussion related to lower enrollment. We will be looking to see what options would exist to expand programming through MSTC, distance learning options.

c. Review of St. Lawrence

Commission Meeting:

Presiding: Angie Peters

Attending: Linda Schill, Tanya Halbersma, Andrea Galvan, Ken Piaro, Russ Biebl, Linda Olsen, Craig Smits, Kerry Meinel Pam Fochs, Paul Klinkhammer, Michele Haas, Kari Bowe, Lori Buntrock, Keith Wirtz, Mary Anne Getzin,

3. Revisions requested: add Keith Wirtz and Ken Piaro to Finance Meeting Attendance for August Meeting. Also the first Royal Parents' Meeting for the school year was held on September 11th, 2017
Approval: Mary Ann motions/ Andrea seconds

4. ACS 2017-2018 Calendar Highlights

AHS Homecoming activities will begin on Friday, September 29th and will include the following

All ACS School Homecoming Mass on Wednesday, October 4th at Assumption, Oktoberfest and Pep Rally on Friday, October 6th and the Football Game and Dance on Saturday, October 7th.

The first marking period, Hex 1, ends on Friday, October 6th, 2017.

Please mark Saturday, Nov. 4th on your calendars and plan to attend Auction Royale with us at the Mead Inn.

5. Joe Birkhauser came to share some insights and actions going on related to our athletic program. There is some concern about the numbers of students for football and baseball in the future. As a proactive measure meetings are being held with Pacelli and Nekoosa to discuss options for co-op teams in these sports. We currently have co-op agreements for Wrestling with Nekoosa and Pt. Edwards, Girls Hockey with Lincoln SPASH, Pacelli, Marshfield, and Boys' Hockey.

5. Reports

School Reports:

Parents raised concerns about the change in the dismissal procedure at OLQH. Previously students had been dismissed from the church following a prayer service and end of the day announcements. Fr. Valentine had requested a change due to concerns over security.

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c. Advancement

Drive 1 For Your School held on September 16 and we are happy to report that we made our goal of 300 drivers who helped us earn \$6,000. In addition the recycling event co-sponsored by Express Recycling was also very successful.

Auction Royale invitations were shared for the event that will take place on Nov. 4th, 2017.

d. Athletics: Two brat fries were held to raise funds for athletics. Both sales went well.

Please remember to mark your calendars for Cranberry Classic which takes place on the Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving.

e. Admission/Enrollment

New numbers reviewed. We have a new kindergarten student as of yesterday. A discussion took place regarding the importance of recruiting and retaining students.

f. Royal Parents

First meeting of the year had record attendance. Butter braid fundraiser order forms will go home on October 6th, 2017 and the delicious pastries will be available for pick up on Thursday, November 2nd. 2017 Members of the group are planning meals for the faculty and staff for parent teacher conferences.

Parents of students who attend OLQH raised concerns about the change in dismissal procedure and are concerned that it sends a negative message to students and parents. There has clearly been a problem with communication about the reasons for the change. Mrs. Bond reported that Principal Gudelis and Father have been working on a solution. E-mail notification regarding the new format has been sent home and they will try to new method for the first time on Wednesday.

g. President's Report:

The annual faculty inservice days went well. We worked with the staff on making connections between Teacher Effectiveness, ACE Collaborative Curriculum planning, and student assessment.

In addition, a number of technology related sessions were offered to demonstrate and practice applications that can be used to enhance teaching and student work. The sessions that were presented were taught by our "resident experts" which encourages teachers to collaborate on learning and developing new skills.

New employees had a welcome to Assumption Orientation and have been assigned mentors to help them with the transition into the Assumption Community.

6. Old business

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Website: Information updates are being made to the website for items such as the calendar, faculty, staff, etc. The Website Task Force is planning to meet in late September to determine plans for updating or changing the website

7. New Business

Commission membership

Joan met with Pastors as a group last week to explain to them how the Commission functions. They were given parish lists so that they could see which families attend Assumption and she will meet with them in the next two weeks to work on recruiting new members for Finance and Commission.

Update on Administrative Issue:

Mrs. Bond addressed the group regarding events that occurred on August 30th involving our high school principal, Mr. Klinkhammer. The event involved statements made in frustration when seeking tech support from a book company in order to access the testing materials we had purchased. A formal complaint was made to the local police who contacted Mr. Klinkhammer. Mrs. Bond outlined for the group the process followed by law enforcement and the legal system when these events occur. In addition, she explained the process and procedure that ACS and the Diocese follow in such circumstances, and as is our practice, the employee was placed on administrative leave pending a review of the event. Great care was taken throughout the process to make sure that the welfare of our students was our primary focus along with the wellbeing of the school system, and the individual involved were protected. Last Friday, the charge of a misdemeanor for disorderly conduct was made public. Mr. Klinkhammer has made a formal apology for the embarrassment that his actions have caused the Assumption Community

Andrea motions to adjourn. Russ seconded. Meeting ended at 8:30