

## **Joint School Committee of St. Paul and St. Bruno**

**Minutes January 9, 2017**

**Present:** Matt DeMarais, Jeff Bajczyk, Ed Brady, Pat Donahue, James Maloney, Erin Heaton, Paul Graff, Chad Bartell, Rick Drolet, Ben Holzem, Barb Romanello

5 Members of St. Bruno

**Absent:** Fr. Dan, Rita Barowski, Cindy Gaudion

**Introductions:** After prayer, the members once again introduced themselves and welcomed new member to St. Paul's Committee – James Maloney

**Old Business:** The question was asked about the role of shared principal? And if Chad felt the concerns of people were being addressed. The consensus was that it is status quo and no significant changes have been seen. Some people have expressed their concerns to Sheri, Rita, and Ben. The summation of the concerns from parents, who spoke with Chad, was the "shared principal" between St. Bruno and St. Paul is not working; as principal is not easily assessable and parents would like a full time principal to deal with issues. Some concerned parents remain anonymous and are worried about bringing concerns forward and with Fr. Chuck's absence - what can be done?

How does the interim priest deal with the shared role of principal? Mary T. had a candid encounter with Fr. Dan after Sunday's mass and her concern to him is that both parishes/schools want stability. Fr. Dan said it was his mission to give parishes a sense of peace and to reassure them that we are indeed OK.

Mr. Holzem said he has met with a couple of families and handled issues which were individual to them.

**Principal's Report:** Both schools have a Marketing Committee which have each reviewed their resources and materials and began to make a plan to move forward. Retention and Increase are the goals for both schools with respect to enrollment.

Mr. Milovic will be chairing St. Paul's committee. He is a great candidate since his job is Professor of Marketing at Marquette University.

Promotional materials for the 4K nights for Mukwonago and KM partnerships will be in place.

St. Bruno is updating their technology plan and is moving forward with the 1:1 ratio of device and student. Recue Dog is helping to implement this plan. Chrome Books can be purchased for a \$40.00 a year fee. St. Paul is looking to do this as well. This plan will be intended for grades 2 through 8. Matt DeMarais suggested that professional development is key to making this work prior to students getting a device to use.

**Catholic Schools Week:** Plans are under way at each school for the week beginning on January 29. St. Paul will be involved with the 8:30 liturgy, having students and families participate. There will be an Open House following the mass. On Thursday, February 2, both schools will be going to Discovery World (5K-8) and Betty Brinn Museum (3K-4K). Fees will be paid for by grants and donation. St. Bruno on January 29 will host their Winter Carnival and Hispanic Mass. More information to come as is available.

Christmas concerts at both schools went well.

St. Paul hired a part time afternoon aide to assist in the 4K classroom. She is a CMH coordinator for St. Bruno and has recently connected with Kathy Huenink, St. Paul's CMH coordinator.

Both schools have their accreditation RISA goals in place and sent in to Archdiocese for the 2016-17 school year.

As budgets are being reviewed for the upcoming school year, Mr. Holzem would like to expand St. Paul's Spanish classes from 1 day to 2 days for grades 3K-8 and St. Bruno to begin the program.

The Chrome Book initiative will also be for next year providing a 1 device to 1 student for a fee of \$40.00 a year.

St. Paul and St. Bruno began a Grant Writing committee which met over the holiday break. A parishioner of St. Bruno stepped up to give the schools insight on grant writing. The focus will be to obtain money for field trips and eventually a salary endowment fund much like Mesmer has in place.

KM will host the 4K information night on January 19 and Mukwonago's will be held on January 26. St. Paul discussed the possibility of opening a third 4K classroom. Our main goal still remains – retention. But growing at the lower end should eventually give stability to the upper end grades. Obtaining students early in their years is beneficial to enrollments.

St. Bruno will be creating an outdoor garden and plans were shared at the meeting.

**Committee Reports:** *Combined reports could be given at this time from both schools.*

Home and School: St. Bruno is moving forward on several activities – Winter Carnival, Mother / Son, Father / Daughter events, Color Run, Auction – April 1<sup>st</sup>. Bruno), February 25 (St. Paul)

Technology: Making sure our websites are updated should always be a priority. Maybe posting more videos, testimonials from teachers, students, parents could enhance the appeal of the websites.

***Our next meeting will be February 13 at St. Paul***

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Barb Romanello**