

OLMC School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 11, 2017

- Members present: Tim Fletcher, Sr. Maria Benedicta, Art Vasquez, Aimee Fleming, Dawn Street, Jodi Hubner, Liz Dapp, Jim Nies, Abby Ferrettie
- Opening Prayer: Jodi Hubner
- August meeting minutes approved by council members
- Principal report-- Sr. Maria Benedicta:
 - OLMC got an "A" due to good performance and growth rate on ISTEP
 - 91% pass rate for grades 3-8
 - Test sent out for school messenger for delays/school closings
 - Upcoming day off the 18th and late start on 22nd— teacher fire safety training
 - Upcoming PTO movie night on the 15th
 - Sr. to be sure lunch is not making out
 - Sept 25th-Fight the New Drug
 - 1pm at Guerin Catholic
 - Evening presentation for middle school students and up and adults at 7pm in OLMC church
 - 7th grade student leadership day coming up September 29th
 - Lunch review
- Vice Principal report---Tim Fletcher
 - MAP testing review with teachers on late start day; help teachers analyze data as year progresses; also explanation of reports to go home to parents this year
 - Kindergarten full day study; Tim visited St. Luke to look at their kindergarten program
 - Continued discussion on plan and timeline
 - Music and the arts program-Two parents to put together a parent group to support the arts at OLMC
 - New task for Mission Effectiveness committee---put together 3-5 year plan for script \$
 - Plan on how \$ from script will be used over the next few years, i.e. \$ spent on teacher development, items for students (i.e. update tech), 8th grade DC trip
 - School improvement chair to meet with Tim and Sr. this Friday the 15th; goals to be discussed at the meeting next month. Parent survey to be out in October/November related to school improvement plan; Sr. to post the improvement plan to the website.
- PTO report:
 - All PTO events were successful for start of school year
 - Mother's mass and brunch on October 9th
- Parish Council report: No reports at this time.
- Coffee with Council (Marketing Committee goals):
 - Three planned for this year: suggested topics are 1)Topic related to Fight the New Drug (what can parents do to keep students safe online); 2) Inclusion/encouraging student friendships/behavior discussions---bullying, friendships, etc.; 3) Drug Awareness
- Open floor discussions:
 - 6th grade transition and discussion on homework loads—how can we better transition students to 6th grade; general homework guidelines in 1st-6th grade are 10 minutes per grade---this is a bit higher in junior high.

- Leadership in the school----7th grade leadership day---Mission Effectiveness committee plans to provide advisory plan for promoting leadership at all grade levels
- Simplify uniform sales, i.e. get all uniform supplies from one provider, i.e. jumpers, gym uniforms? Liz Dapp to look into this issue
- Goal updates:
 - Mission Effectiveness:
 - Full day kindergarten-Providing 2-3 options for all day kindy by Nov 7th
 - After school care- recommendations done by Nov 7th
 - Student leadership- grade level specific opportunities for leadership by Feb 6th
 - Examine script funds and their uses for this school year
 - Technology:
 - Completed first Wednesday of the month tech tips for parents
 - LMS: to be examined by technology dept. at OLMC at this time
 - Fight the New Drug
 - Marketing:
 - Discussion on logo of school-meeting with Rita Dekline to discuss this topic and budget for marketing---goal for last week in January
- Closing Prayer- Jodi Hubner