

Advisory Council Minutes September 21st, 2017

Members Present: Alanna George, TeAnn Smith, Darren Thelen, Andy Nurenberg, Jill Kowatch, Angie Thelen, Amy Nobach, Kris Bauer and Dawn Keilen.

Small Group Discussion

- Having children stay in and not go back to recess after lunch, is working well.
- Drop off procedures are working well and keeping children safe.
- Camp Ohioyesa for the 6th grade was a great experience. Well maintained and great food and staff.
- Cafeteria will be started in the Spring, hopes to be done by start of school year.
- Capacity for St. Mary students in grades 1-6th is 30 per classroom. Kindergarten capacity is 48 children. If K isn't filled then Sept 1st-Sept 30th birthdays is a flexible "gray" area where St. Mary would start taking the oldest children first until up to full capacity.

Open Forum

Student Enrollment

- St. Mary has 281 students this year up from last year of 266 students._
- In approximately 2 weeks the first school annual report should be printed.

Academics

- St. Mary has stopped reporting proficiency rates for the moment.
- Transitioning from MEAP to MSTEP, so rates will be different and appear to be declining when that is truly not the case.
- St. Mary students in 5th and 6th grade average 3-4 grade levels higher in reading ability.
- These same students show an average of 2-3 years above in Math, 3-4 years in Language Arts, and test at a high school Science level.

Financial Aide

- Fr. Al Miller Trust Fund surpassed 2 million dollars.
- Each student was supported this year with \$302.72 of the trust fund revenues.
- \$150 of this money came from revenue on John Simon's endowment alone.

Advisory Council

- New format for the council, looking for new members to join.

Lunch Recess

- Longer lunch period, children no longer going back outside.

Morning Drop Off

- No one is allowed to park in the back lot. It is going well and children are much safer with the new set up.

Power School

- Started this year, parents will have ability to log in and check grades etc.

Dress Code

- No shorts are allowed in the fall, starting October 1st. St. Mary is going to make sure and enforce the dress code guidelines more diligently.

Witness to Hope

- Will start digging in Spring with hopes to be done once school starts in the Fall.
- Brings about thoughts for the future and capacity of St. Mary School. The capacity is 30 kids per room grades 1st-6th and 24 for each Kindergarten Classroom.