



OLP School Advisory Council Minutes 11/10/20

"Our Lady of Peace Catholic School is a caring, collaborative community educating students to be critical thinkers and thoughtful leaders. We nurture the whole child, preschool through eighth grade, with a challenging, forward-thinking curriculum, preparing students to respond to Christ's call to build peace at home, in school, in the community, and in the world."

Present: Fr. Ellis, Paul Berry, Megan Schuchman, Dave Marrese, Dolly Kinney, Maura Carland, Cathy Bergen, Kathryn Manahan, Kris Swarthout, Charlie Allen, Cora Peine

1. Welcome
2. Prayer
3. NWEA Update- Measure of, Academic Performance for grades k-8
 - a. Math focus this year
 - b. Tierney will help us with some teacher PD
 - i. We will data mine to find strengths and weaknesses
 - ii. Help teachers plan instruction to help students with growth in areas of weakness
 - c. Parents received Family Report via snail-mail
4. OLP Stoplight Updates
 - a. Paul clarified changes to the stoplight along with the addition of a glossary
 - b. 48hours with symptoms improving was a change to the mini quarantine time
 - c. We now will allow a negative covid test for a return to school when students are sent home or stay home with 2 or more COVID symptoms
5. **COVID case response**
 - a. What we have heard
 - i. Kris reports hearing positive things about our responses to COVID and days off
 - ii. One negative was the workshop day following distance learning
 1. We need this planned time to work on our MNSAA accreditation
 2. We needed to spend time curriculum mapping to prepare for MNSAA
 3. The end of the quarter for teachers to work on grading

- 4. This time could not have been done while still teaching during distance learning
 - iii. Will distance learning replace snow days?
 - 1. Paul and Megan discussed how this might be difficult for k-4
 - iv. Will it impact the number of planned days we set for future school years?
- b. What can be done better
 - i.
- c. Our successes
 - i. Parents pleased that ELP was able to remain open when other grades were out

6. Things we can promote or help within November

- a. Jingle/Mingle
 - i. This is more a social community building event than a fundraiser
 - ii. This event is being canceled for now
- b. Christmas Market
 - i. We are planning to hold this event
 - ii. Team of volunteers to set up but don't interact with staff and students
 - iii. Staff will help students shop and wrap gifts. This event allows our students to learn the joy of giving.
- c. Trivia Night
 - i. Plan to cancel this for now because Gala will most likely be virtual again
 - ii. Do we want two virtual events?
 - iii. Kris thinks we could do both because they are very different events
 - iv. Need to find a tech person to help with logistics for a Trivia Night
 - v. Cora knows of a group (Trivia Mafia) that hosts these maybe we could work with them
 - vi. Dave suggests using OLP ambassadors to help with this event

7. December/January options

- a. Virtual 2 weeks before Christmas
 - i. Is this an option?
 - ii. Should we make it mandatory?
 - iii. Is it fair for teachers to have to teach both in person and virtual?
 - iv. Is it fair for teachers not to have the option to quarantine before Christmas?
- b. Coming back
 - i. Can we encourage families to Q for 2 weeks after a vacation or meeting with other family members?
 - ii. Is this fair for teachers?
- c. **OLP is recommending** that we transition to distance learning the week of 12/14-12/18, as well as the week of 1/4-1/8, in the interest of encouraging families to quarantine before & after the holidays, when they are likely planning to see relatives and therefore expanding their social circles. While we will strongly

encourage our students & staff to refrain from this, we still recommend taking this added precaution, knowing not everyone will heed this precaution.

- i. This is for K-8 not ELP. ELP will stay open unless we need to close due to cases.
 - ii. We will not ban travel but we will not promote this.
8. Follow up from Marathon and Pumpkin Patch (oh, that seems sooo long ago...)
 - a. Pumpkins sold out
 - b. \$5000 We used Venmo and that went well
 - c. Everyone loved it the neighborhood was engaged
 - d. We lost money due to the early frost
 - e. We need more school age involvement/presence
 - f. Fundraising profits to benefit both Faith Formation and School this year
9. Mental Health/Teacher Prep
 - a. **First Wednesday** of each month is a designated "teacher planning day". No student instruction or release day option for these days.
 - b. **Every Tuesday** of each month is a "late start day". School day begins at 9:00am to allow teachers an added planning period. (morning extended day services would be provided for those families currently enrolled in AM extended day)
 - c. **Every Wednesday** of each month is an "early dismissal day". School day ends at 2:00pm to allow teachers an added planning period. (afternoon extended day services would be provided for those families currently enrolled in PM extended day)
 - d. Parents were supportive of these option b seemed to have the most support. They encouraged us to see what the staff needs.
10. **Winter Sports Sampler?
11. **Home ec enrichment activities?
12. New families -- are we matching with old families and reaching out
13. Room parent -- have they had an intro letter saying what they should be doing this year?
14. Tuition
 - a. Paul shared some information regarding possible options we are looking at for next year's tuition plan
 - b. OLP is on the low end with our tuition compared to other Catholic Schools
 - c. We are becoming more competitive with our local Catholic Schools
15. Set next meeting
16. Open Agenda Items
 - a. Come in for a virtual read aloud to your child's classroom.
 - b. Any thoughts around Thanksgiving in terms of distance learning?
 - c. Do we want to encourage families to stay home if they meet with people over Thanksgiving or traveled