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2013 National Blue Ribbon School

School Advisory Meeting

January 11, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Media Center

Board Members

Bill Pulte

Carrie Kubicek

Christina Diers

Ann Monday

Tim Kramer

Derek Strohman

Others in attendance

Fr. Gary Ostrander

Principal Norm Hale

Assistant Principal Nick Mumm

H&S Rep – Kara Beller & Alexis Beller

School Office Manager – Kelly Gibson, Mary Olson

Parents – Marty Cordes, Leslie Knobbie, Courtney Eden, Stephanie O'Brien, Paula Blackege,

- Prayer – Our Father
- Call to Order – Called to order by President, Bill Pulte, Second by Ann Monday
- Audience Petition – no non agenda items
- Action Items – no action items



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- Consent Agenda – November Board Meeting minutes approved first by Tim Kramer, Second by Derek Strohman
- Committee Reports
 - Administrative Reports- Mr Hale Principal report was reviewed. Catholic School Week agenda was reviewed
 - Finance- meets next week
 - Enrollment/Recruitment/Retention – many tours going on for next year
 - Policy and Calendar – see below
 - Safety – walk home policy is being enforced
- Old Business
 - Outdoor education- Mr. Hale will meet with Todd Beran going forward to decide changes for next year.
 - Lunch Program – there will be a survey around March/April, they have been open to changes. Going forward, there will be apportioned more food, for what they pay as older kids.
 - Graduation Proposed Changes – Mr. Hale doesn't want to change to much at this point until he knows more about the event. He wants to be able to experience the tradition. There will be less speakers. A report will come in March.
 - Office Times -4:00pm is when office closes – to allow the ladies to get closed up and wrap things up.



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- New Business

- Proposed Start Times to School Day 2016-2017

Bill did a review of what was all looked at in November and previous months. . . . nothing was decided in the past, just looked at various ways to include more hours due to Rule 10, school of faith days cut previous professional days, there is a need to add more days for professional days, time to excel and move forward with new curriculum and programs, a desire to start the school year later, traffic flow, barely meeting minimum of hours state requires. All these factors have led to the idea of starting the school day earlier.

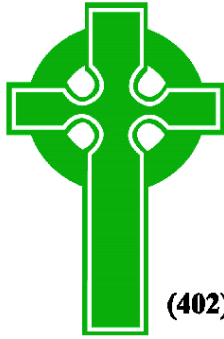
Audience participation- summary of discussion

Marty Cordes – against early start time, school teacher 10 years, I understand your points of interest, kids are on high level of academics, expect a lot of our kids here they are in a lot of activities after school, compassion for kids, we should take out some of the spring break . . .we have a loaded calendar with a lot of days off lets use some of them

Leslie Knobbe – against early start time, looked at full days, comparing ours to other schools, bring teachers back early, half days into consideration, people want information as to why such things are being discussed

Paula Blackridge – Wanted to know what is going to be done with the extra time ?

Courtney Eden – I support what the board and teacher wants to do what is best for the school -I trust what is being decided.



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Kara Hogen Beller – I do agree, we expect do a lot out of our children, there needs to be some give in allowing them to social/energy time with a longer day

Alexis Beller -how many Hours will it add? Mr Mumm said 33 hours. . .important to use the time wisely for the benefit of our teachers

Stephanie O'Brian – would like to know more of the details, what is the reason and would like to be able to voice their input, it is going to be tactful on the kids to be that long day. Giving more information is necessary.

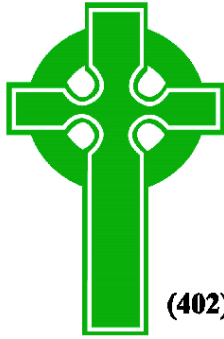
Bill Pulte– what is best scenario? – our hours last year were the bear minimum, so that is a concern of mine, scenario three was the most favored by Mr. Mumm and Hale – I think we need to increase hours in order to allow more time on each subject where the kids can work on it at school with less homework because kids have activities and the level of content to work on at home vs with a teacher

Mr. Mumm – put a lot of time in, put in a skeleton calendar, took away half days – to full days off with teacher in service and school of faith combined

Increase social time for middle school, morning social time and 5 more minutes at lunch time- teachers are here 180+ days.

Tim Kramer - what is the most useful distribution of teacher in service ? Mr Mumm thought having teacher in service once school gets going, day after Christmas Break, day early May to plan to wrap up the year.

Christina Diers – A consideration for the families with high school students and their spring break could be looked at each year.



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Derek – bringing in teachers too early before the school year starts is not beneficial or good use of time. Those days are more beneficial once school gets going for teachers to adapt and make changes.

- Anticipated Enrollment Numbers for 2016-2017 – a lot of tours and numbers
- Skeleton Calendar 2016 -2017 – was distributed – this will be tweaked a little with the comments from the meeting and voted on in the February meeting.
- Principal's Remarks – a lot of talking done on calendar, but I appreciate this time
- Pastor's Remarks – the name of the Priest will be made in the coming weeks.
- Executive Session was conducted
- Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm motioned by Derek and seconded by Carrie.