

SETON EDUCATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 19, 2016

at

SETON ACADEMY

Present: Msgr. Dennis Duprey, Fr. Timothy Canaan, Fr. William Reamer, Christopher Hay, Michael Howley, Sr. Helen Hermann, Cathy Russell, Sally Yanulavich, Lynn Gilbert, Daniel Cayea

Excused: Fr. Scott Seymour, Brian Snell, Stacie Chapman, Stephen Gagnier, Patrick McGill, Marty Frost, and John Deon

There was not a quorum of Education Council Members present. No voters could be called for or taken under our constitution and by-laws. President Christopher Hay began this Informational meeting at 6:35 p.m. Msgr. Duprey led the Opening Prayer.

Agenda: The agenda could not be approved absent a quorum. The meeting followed the agenda format.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting were provided to all present but could not be approved absent a quorum. The Secretary thanks Brian Snell for taking the minutes of that meeting and preparing those minutes.

Student Council Report – None

Principal's Reports:

Sister Helen Hermann – Seton Academy

Sr. Helen submitted a written report, which had been sent to all Council members prior to the meeting. She also reported that no student at Seton Academy “opted out” of the recent state testing. There were no questions about her report.

Cathy Russell – Seton Catholic

Cathy submitted a written report, a copy of which was provided to all Council members. She reported that the boiler being removed was out, the old water tank was out and that no asbestos issues were discovered. She is awaiting a second estimate regarding the replacement boiler. Cathy also provided each Council member with a copy of the Seton Schools – Strategic Plan 2015-2020 and a copy a summary of the Seton Catholic faculty Strategic Plan discussion. This faculty discussion on an early dismissal day for students also included a discussion of Middle States Accreditation objectives. She noted that the early dismissal day for the students in May will result in a faculty discussion regarding plan rubrics for Middle States. Cathy had also provided all Council members with Assistant Director of Education for Catholic Schools Pamela Ballantine’s April 1, 2016 report concerning her visit to Seton Catholic on March 30, 2016.

Committee Reports:

Academic

See the Principals Reports.

Technology - Daniel Cayea presented a very comprehensive April Technology Update dated April 19, 2016. He provided additional information regarding the telephone system and proposals for computing at the Seton Schools in the future including more wireless capability at Seton Catholic where the capacity is “maxed out”. He provided pricing comparisons and discussed the differences regarding necessary software packages. Dan indicated that this software can be run on the existing hardware at the schools.

Joel Peryea ????, our Seton music teacher made a presentation regarding a proposed “music festival” entitled “Knight on the Green” on June 11, 2016. This will be at school and at the bandshell at the McDonough Monument in the City of Plattsburgh. The music engineering class will be handling the sound and lighting. He brought up National Music Honor Society.

Buildings and Grounds

See the Principals Reports.

Catholic Identity

No report.

Development

Lynne Gilbert provided an April 2016 report. She also provided a handout regarding a program entitled “Vacation for a Cause” which is a fundraiser with a local travel agency. This involves booking a trip with that travel agency and Seton schools receiving a 5% donation back from the agency. Should this be in church bulletins? She briefly discussed the Gala.

Finance:

Seton Catholic – Sally Yanulavich provided written financial reports. She reported that certain goals for next year (international students) may not be met as there are less students coming to this country at this time. Need work on the budget for next year needed.

Seton Academy – John Deon provided financial reports.

Finance Committee met April 18, 2016.

Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting - Seton Catholic on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael J. Howley
Council Secretary