

Alignment	IOWA CORE OUTCOME			Implementation Characteristics of Effective Instruction
	Leadership	Professional Development	Community	
K- 24	Gr.1- 26	Gr.2- 30	Gr.3- 13	Gr.4- 22
Gr.5- 28	Gr.6- 17	Gr.7- 24	Gr. 8- 19	NC - 15
QPPS STANDARD RATIOS:	3 yr. olds 1:8	4 yr. olds 1:12	5 yr. olds 1:15	

St. Patrick Catholic School Board

Date: Wednesday, January 4, 2012

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Deery Family Library

Call meeting to order: Dan Corrigan

Opening prayer: Mike Hulme

Roll Call: Dan Corrigan

Approval of last month's minutes

Call for motion to approve agenda

Inservice: Mrs. Steinfadt: Technology update

New Business:

1. Discuss exit interviews, 10 mins. - Dan
2. Budget - John
 - Final CSB decisions regarding:
 - * Parish School Account - Teacher salaries, tuition rate, parish subsidy request, discounts
 - * Principals Account - Registration fee
 - * Preschool - Registration and program fees
3. Reading of Teacher Rep Policy - Dan
 - Attached are copies of: * The original Policy provided November 16, * A tracked version of John's proposed revisions (includes Jeff Henderson recommendation to simply state length of Rep's term, a term start date and defines the representative as Teacher-selected) and *A non-tracked version of John's proposed revisions
4. Search Committee update - Dan, 10 mins.
5. Review Results of Culture / Job Satisfaction Survey (executive session) - Mike, 20 mins

Committee Reports: Teachers Report - Pam Schmitt, Parish Council, FFC, SIAC (2/14/12, 3/27/12, 5/8/12), Finance, Maintenance, CVCS Rep, Recruitment; STO Liaison Garth Cornish (cornishgarthd@johndeere.com)

Closing Prayer: Mike Hulme

Next Meeting: Tuesday,

2011-12 Prayer Leader schedule:

September 6, 2011 - K. Anderson (2009-12)	February 7, 2012 - Sr. M. Irons
October 4, 2011 - D. Corrigan (2010-13)	March 6, 2012 - D. Kremer (2009-12)
November 1, 2011 - G. Cunningham (2009-12)	April 3, 2012 - Fr Colter
December 6, 2011 - J. Demmer (2011-14)	May 1, 2012 - K. Anderson (2009-12)
January 4, 2012 - M. Hulme (2011-14)	June 5, 2012 - D. Corrigan (2010-13)

The board does not meet in July or August

Catholic School Board Committees

<u>Parish Council</u> Dan Corrigan (2013)	<u>CVCS</u> Katie Anderson (2012)	<u>Maintenance</u> Gene Cunningham (2012)
<u>CSI Advisory Committee</u> Diane Kremer (2012)	<u>Finance</u> John Demmer (2014) Mike Hulme (2014)	<u>Faith Formation Committee</u> Gene Cunningham (2012)
<u>Marketing & Recruiting Committee.</u> Mike Hulme (2014)	<u>Philip Bash</u>	<u>Teacher Representative</u> Pam Schmitt (2014)

SR. MARILOU'S JANUARY 2012 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Catholic Dimension

Annual faculty (Dec. 7) and student (Dec. 20) Advent renewals were held this month. The faculty's mini Advent retreat provided a few hours of reflection time that focused on the school's weekly themes of love, hope peace & joy. Teachers had the opportunity to share insights based on scripture quotes they found particularly meaningful for their Advent journey. This renewal was planned by the Community of Faith Committee (Marchesani (chair), Lechtenberg, McAlpin, Schmitt, Baird and me). Student Advent renewal had themes of waiting and preparation. These mini retreat times were planned by the teachers. A special thanks to Miss Smith who played her flute to accompany young musicians playing O Come O Come Emmanuel for all of Advent

The Spirt Committee has meet twice to begin plans for Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 29 - Feb. 3. The a few things this group is planning:

- Students taking liturgical roles in weekend Mass - Meg Sernett, Fr. Colter and Sr. Marilou to meet after the holiday to plan.
- Jan. 30 special all school prayer with PS attending with all day OPEN house and tours.
- Student Council plans Jan. 31 school Mass to honor parents of alumni
- Students bussed to Columbus or metro wide 9:30 Mass
- Family dance, volleyball game and Amazing Race event

Professional Development

Sue O'Connell presented strategies for math reasoning and problem solving to twenty four teachers and their administrators on Dec. 9, 2011. Two teachers from each of the following schools, Blessed Sacrament, St. Joe New Hampton and St. John Independence, joined the math faculty for either the morning (K-4) or afternoon (Gr. 5-8) session. Her handouts, theory and practical strategies was clearly appreciated by all in attendance. While the math teachers worked on that area, specialists attended conferences or observed in area schools. In addition to school inservice funds I utilized \$1200 of our Title II Part A monies to pay for Sue's presentation and airfare.

At our next math professional development day, Feb. 10, Mrs. Gross has agreed to present more math strategies she used for upper primary and middle school teachers. Each of the four professional development days' primary focus will be math strategies and time to create math learning centers. These plans are part of or three-five year comprehensive school improvement (CSI) plan. Professional development committee members who meet with me to plan and evaluate are Teresa Sink, Deb Marchesani, Jane Gross and Lora Sink. Our next planning meeting is Jan. 5.

Congratulations to Miss Smith for her K-Gr. 4 Christmas concerts; Miss Dean and staff for the Dec. 9 preschool program; and Mr. Smith for his Gr. 5-8 band performance. Our students success in memorizing the songs, skit lines and movements are more indicators of the quality teaching staff, talent of students and parental support we are proud of at St. Patrick School.

Part of the Marketing and Recruitment's December plan was to mail Christmas cards to all families who had a baptism at St. Patrick or St. Stephen the past three years. Two students and I signed and stamped the cards while the PR director, Donna Bash, addressed them. Thanks also to Mike Hulme and all on the retention sub committee whose recent work has been impressive and timely.

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January 4, 2012

Spiritual: Catholic Schools Week perhaps

All units held a renewal during the Advent season.

The theme for Unit D renewal was Waiting with Mary, and students had an icebreaker, spent time in reflection over a story and scripture, joined in prayer and created a Mary ornament. The unit had the assistance of Diane Kremer and Amy Hoyer. It is the practice of Unit D to invite Amy and at least one more individual to help with the seasonal renewals. This is the second time that Diane has helped at a renewal for Unit D.

Academics

- Teachers are using ideas and strategies from the math workshop in their classrooms. Sue O'Connell was an excellent presenter and left the teachers with many new ideas and practical strategies to incorporate into math classes. Many are anticipating the purchase of some of the books authored by Ms. O'Connell.
- Miss Steinfadt reported on the one-to-one sessions she attended on December 9. The schools represented spoke to the advantages of the program and the pros and cons of iPads versus laptops.
- Teachers have begun a dialogue regarding the Iowa blueprint for education, One Unshakable Vision. The discussion centered around the different aspects, what St. Patrick School has in place or started, and what we can or need to do to bring about other pieces.

Questions

1. With the blueprint being discussed on the state level, have the board members read the report and looked at the aspects needed for our school "to work build on our tradition of excellence to improve our schools"? As final decisions are being made for staffing next year, it may be wise to look at what is suggested in the blueprint and the discussions at the town hall meetings.