

Leadership		IOWA CORE OUTCOME		
Alignment		Professional Development	Community	Implementation
		Characteristics of Effective Instruction		
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 - 16
QPPS STANDARD RATIOS:	3 yr. olds 1:8	4 yr. olds 1:12	5 yr. olds 1:15	

St. Patrick Catholic School Board

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011

Time: 5:30-7:00 pm (so some can attend holy day Mass)

Place: Deery Family Library

Call meeting to order: Katie Anderson

Opening prayer: Gene Cunningham

Roll Call: Katie Anderson

Guest: CVCS Board member Jeff Frost to address busing from Cedar Falls to the Columbus campus starting next year

Approval of last month's minutes

Call for motion to approve agenda

Guest: Request to address the board: Rick Halbmaier

Inservice: Leaders'Gram-V6, N03-2011-12

New Business:

1. Monthly finance report - John Demmer 10 mins.
2. Local policy outlining teacher representation's job description on Catholic School Board - Katie 10 mins.
3. Approval to accept Aaron Lytle (parent), Emily Benda (Alumni), Jacob Olson (student) and Trey Mudd (student) to our school advisory committee - Sr. Marilou 5 mins.
4. Iowa Assessment - Sr. Marilou 5 mins.
5. Review of the Archdiocesan policy 4000-6000 - Sr. Marilou
6. CVCS two year representative from St. Patrick School with children at Columbus - Katie

Committee Reports: Parish Council, FFC, CSI Advisory Committee (10/11/11, 2/14/12, 3/27/12, 5/8/12), Finance, Maintenance, CVCS Rep, Recruitment; STO Liaison Garth Cornish (cornishgarthd@johndeere.com)

Closing Prayer: Gene Cunningham

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 7:00 pm

2011-12 Prayer Leader schedule:

September 6, 2011 - K. Anderson (2009-12)

October 4, 2011 - D. Corrigan (2010-13)

November 1, 2011 - G. Cunningham (2009-12)

December 6, 2011 - J. Demmer (2011-14)

January 3, 2012 - M. Hulme (2011-14)

February 7, 2012 - Sr. M. Irons

March 6, 2012 - D. Kremer (2009-12)

April 3, 2012 - Fr Colter

May 1, 2012 - K. Anderson (2009-12)

June 5, 2012 - D. Corrigan (2010-13)

The board does not meet in July or August

Catholic School Board Committees

Parish Council

1. Dan Corrigan (2013)

CSI Advisory Committee

1. Diane Kremer (2012)

Marketing & Recruiting Committee

1. Mike Hulme (2014)

CVCS

1. Katie Anderson (2012)

Finance

1. John Demmer (2014)
2. Mike Hulme (2014)
3. Philip Bash

Maintenance

1. Gene Cunningham (2012)

Faith Formation Committee

1. Gene Cunningham (2012)

SR. MARILOU'S NOVEMBER 2011 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Academic:

On Monday, Nov. 7, Gr. 3-8 students will begin Iowa Assessments, formerly the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. This new format better reflects the Iowa Core essential concepts and skills that students need to know before moving on to new materials. The following areas will be tested over six days and consuming a total of around four hours. Tested areas are reading, written expression (clarity in writing, most appropriate way to express an idea), math, science, social studies, vocabulary, spelling, capitalization, punctuation and computation. Maps, reference materials and diagrams are no longer tested.

Professional:

On Tuesday, October 18, Mrs. Kjeldsen, Mrs. Schmitt, Mrs. Collins and I attended the Archdiocesan Iowa Core inservice at AEA267. Besides reviewing the basic components of the Iowa Core (effective instruction, assessment aligned with instruction, adjusting instruction based on students needs), we practiced roles (record facilitator, time keeper) for a collaborative community meeting, often referred to as professional learning communities.

One of our year long Iowa Core Implementation Plan goals is to spend time reading about effective professional learning communities (plc) and determine which format or approach to professional learning communities is the best for our faculty. To date we are reading articles supplied by Archdioceses and AEA267.

As a follow up to this meeting the leadership team is planning to model a plc for the total faculty. We hope to then move in to the unit setting to practice the plc roles of timekeeper, scribe and facilitator.

In September as part of this year's technology plan, teachers participated in learning a collaborative document (google docs). For monthly pacing meetings I am using that media to provide teachers with a question from a Today's Catholic Teacher article as a means to continue practicing that software. In October I asked math teachers to share their responses to Bill Smith's article entitled 4 Strategies to Ignite Math Instruction. This article pertains to our APR goal of increasing math achievement through increasing teachers math strategies (draw a picture to solve, increase students knowledge of math terminology....) Non math teachers read Dr. J. White's article entitled Stop and Think the Psychology of Self Regulation.

Spiritual:

Part of our Catechetical Plan is the monthly discussion of articles from The Witness and/or Today's Catholic Teacher, two resources each teacher is given. I lead the October discussion and distributed a volunteer sign up sheet asking the faculty to prepare another month's discussion utilizing either or both resources. Teachers have volunteered to prepare our Witness or Today's Catholic Teacher discussion for the rest of the school year.

In early November the Community of Faith Committee will begin planning an Advent theme and activities for students, staff and families. Our plans will be sent home in late November. Miss Liechty, Mrs. Lind and Mrs. Sink were recently trained by Betty Hurley to become Eucharistic ministers. Mrs. Schmitt continues to train her homeroom as sacristans for the student Masses. This is good training for parish life participation in their future.

The student lead "Living Rosary" was prayed Friday, October 7 on the feast of the Holy Rosary. Each unit lead a decade with the student council reciting the opening prayers. I wrote brief reflections on each mystery to assist students in their praying of the rosary.

During November the Archdiocese usually issues Day 1 Enrollment trends with a series of questions for Board discussion. To facilitate that conversation on enrollment I am including our Columbus tracker information as another reference point to have whenever the Archdiocese emails first day of school data.

Neither Connie nor I have gotten final approval back from the state nutrition department stating they have accepted the 10¢ increase per pupil cost for lunch. Once the new \$2.10 cost is approved word of this increase will be sent to parents.

The Leadership Team (Unit leaders) is asking teachers to volunteer to act as the teacher representative to the CSB. It was discussed that the non-voting teacher representative would present a monthly report to the faculty of the board's business.