

St. Mary's School Local Education Advisory Council

Minutes for April 10, 2013

Present: Fr. Mike, Fr. Chris, Rita, Jim, Tim, Nicole, Alison, Ben, Ann Marie

Absent: Ken Masselli, Tom Betz, Anita Betz

Guests: Kristin Slotter, Khadine Ritter, Kevin Ritter, Mark Kerenyi, Mark Morris, Karen Morris, Steve Parlin, Leslie Haas, Anita White, Chris Pfeiffer, Mary LaBarre, Jenny Powers, Lori Lutz, Matt Ingram, Caroline Waller, Naresh Nayak, Christopher Linscott, Joe Wesel II, Christine Marasco, Scott LaBarre, Kathy Wesel, Melissa Nayak, Joe Augenstein

Public Comments – Parents concerns about the Common Core Standards

Parents spoke to the LEAC about their concerns with the new Common Core Standards that were adopted by the Diocese of Steubenville. A brief summary of their concerns follows but is not limited to:

- Want prudence from board on the decision of implementation.
- Has the board done the research before advising?
- Will discernment be allowed in the education of our students?
- Why were the parents not asked, "We pay tuition?"
- Will creativity from the teachers still be allowed?
- It was designed to address concerns of deficiencies in public schools, why us?
- Are they more rigorous?
- What are the costs of implementation?
- We should consider the Food and Drug Administration; where has it been tested? And was it researched?
- How will it affect enrollment?
- How will we compete with Wood County Christian who are not adopting Common Core?
- Can we keep the federal government out of Education?
- What body governs the Common Core? Who do we go to for help?
- What assurance that personal information will not be given to federal government?
- Why not wait to see if it is a success or failure?
- Have we looked into what KIPP Academy or Hillsdale Academy in Michigan are doing?

The LEAC wrote down the 7 rhetorical questions the group wanted us to consider. Each LEAC member will research the Common Core Standards on an individual basis and then we will reconvene on May 1 at Marietta Memorial Hospital's conference room to further discuss the implementation of the Common Core Standards.

Booster Report – Jim reported the 5k was a huge success, but did not have final numbers of profit.

Principal Report –

[Special Note](#)

Home & School Report –

After School Tutoring Report –

SCRIP Report –

Do to the length of the parent concern discussion; the rest of the meeting was tabled until the regular May meeting.

Marketing Reports –

Finance Report –

Old Business –

New Business –

Next Meeting - 5/8/13 @ 6PM, Rectory

Meeting Adjourned