



**SMCS Board of Trustees
President's Report
March 16, 2016**

Curriculum/Professional Development

Professional Development

This month all teachers, aides, and principals will complete sessions 4 & 5 of our morality class. After completing out of class time reading and written papers, we will have successfully completed the diocesan morality course requirements.

NWEA MAP Testing

Spring MAP testing for grades 1-8 begins in April. Work is in progress to prepare the class rosters and proctor assignments.

Effectiveness Project

Building principals are visiting classrooms for formal and informal observations which is part of our annual evaluation. The formal observations include a pre and post observation conference.

Project Lead the Way

We are continuing to work on our financial and integration planning for *Project Lead the Way* for 2016-17. Following is a brief summary from the PLTW web site.

“Project Lead the Way is a nonprofit organization that provides transformative learning experiences for K-12 students and teachers across the U.S. Through pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science, students learn problem-solving strategies, critical and creative thinking, and how to communicate and collaborate.”

Enrollment

The application process is in process for the WPCP program. An information/open house was held at SMCS IMC on Wednesday, March 2. SMCS staff members from the business office, admissions, and administrative team were available to assist those who attended. As of that date, we had 84 applications verified, with additional applications pending verification.

Staffing

A long term sub solution for middle school Spanish has been worked out with current teacher Caitlin Fritsch and sub Diana Stadler.

Lisa Van Camp, Learning Specialist at SMCHS, has indicated that she is moving on to a different career and will be finishing up with her clinicals next year. We will post her position internally and externally.

Based on responses from our letters of intent, there are no administrators or teachers planning on retiring at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

Administrator contracts went out this week. They are due back April 15, 2016.

Fine Arts

SMCS will be participating in the ArtsCore Colony at the Paine, a grant and partnership between the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh ArtsCore and the Paine Art Center and Gardens. The program is designed primarily for early career teachers, who are interested in teaching in and through the arts, to participate in an upcoming professional development opportunity starting in August 2016.

SMCS teachers enrolled in the ArtsCore Colony for 2016-17 school year are:

- Becky Bartow - Art Teacher – SMCS elementary schools
- Stacy Sweetalla - 3rd Grade Teacher – SMM
- Stephanie Hoernke - 3rd Grade Teacher – SM
- Rhex Arboleda - Music Teacher – SMCS elementary schools

Business Services: Technology-Finance-Food Service

A power surge that affected the central SMCS IT network room that houses Servers and various network switches was impacted on March 9th. The first level of protection for such outages, an Uninterruptable Power Source (UPS) unit could not handle the surge and shut down. The majority of the network was available for use by March 14, with a handful of issues addressed to make the network fully operational by March 16.

The restoration team is scheduled to meet next week to identify short and long term solutions to mitigate the effect of outages in the future. The event was handled professionally by all involved, including students, teachers, staff, administration, and the IT team.

Fund Development

AF Update

- Total collected as of 3/15 = \$141,078. This has trended about 15% ahead of last year.
- AF Committee met last week and will be implementing a postcard and email campaign yet this spring, along with several alumni tactics.

Zephyr Fields of Dreams

Press release has gone out to media, included in this week's SMCS email message, posted to SMCS website and will be shared on FB. The online giving page is live on the SMCS website to collect donations toward the Booster Club match of \$10,000.

Fundraising Event Success

- Wines Around the World – Gross = \$85,900, Net = still being finalized
- Winter Escape – Gross = \$35,000, Net = still being finalized (This is a HUGE success over last year's event due to concept and venue change)
- Zephyrfest – Mark your calendars and buy your tickets for May 7th event

Endowments

Work completed on FATE funds. Michelle and Jeanne will be meeting with the Community Foundation late March to formally set up the endowed funds.