



**SMCS Board of Trustees
President's Report
September 16, 2015**

Curriculum/Professional Development

- New Teacher Orientation – Spent time reviewing MyLearningPlan, part of the Effectiveness Project to strengthen teacher effectiveness and increase student achievement.
- Early Childhood Teachers – Working together to strengthen our early childhood program with common curriculum and shared resources. An early childhood coordinator is facilitating the conversations.
- MAP Testing – We are moving from client server to web based. Most of the behind the scene work was done over the summer. MAP will be administered to students in grades 1-8 this year.
- Professional Development – An outline was created over the summer to provide direction but also allow flexibility. First PD day is September 25th. Our guest presenter, Steve Tyink, will focus on the topic of “Creating an Innovative Customer Experience” as follow-up reinforcement to our spring topic on customer service.
- Foundational Catechetical Certification (FCC) – At SMCS we are focusing on Morality. The course is being taught by Karen Fahley.

Enrollment Counts

2015-16 Total = 914 (96 vouchers)
Preschool = 126
Elementary = 372 (42 vouchers)
Total MS = 162 (22 vouchers)
Total HS = 254* (32 vouchers)
*Includes 3 Global & 12 STS

As of 9.15.15 vs 9.19.14 benchmark:

- WPCP total vouchers of 96 is increase of 68 students over last year's 28 vouchers
- Decrease of 60 students in Preschool/Pre-K (primarily split between Pre-K at two Neenah schools)
- Decrease of 23 students in three elementary; most significant decrease at SME
- Increase of 7 students in MS
- Increase of 13 students in HS, including one additional STS

Staffing

- Interviewing for the full and part-time elementary learning disabilities teacher positions
- Secured two more teachers for our substitute teacher pool; shared information with our school community about how to obtain a substitute license through an upcoming class with CESA 6
- St. Margaret Mary is looking to cover after school care openings with a combination of new hires plus a few current part-time employees

New hires for 2015-16

Notes: "Highlighted" teachers previously worked in system in a different capacity;
Teachers who made moves between grades at same school are not included in list below

Ron DuVernay	high school English
Clare Stefanich	high school English
Rebecca Bartow	elementary art
Kadie Smith	high school music
Pamela Barnhill	middle and high school music
Cindy Hoashi	food service SMM
Carmen Sebentsfeldt	high school science
Rong Hill	elementary and middle school Chinese
Jenny Spiegelberg	food service SG
Sue Peters	PK aide SM
Kristin Billings	high school math
Don Schroeder	maintenance at middle and high school (contracted)
Pam Kuepper	elementary teacher SM
Kerri Calmes	P3 aide SG
Peg Mathews	P3 aide SG
Kelly Roloff	PK aide SG
Amy Myers	after school care SMM
Jackie Miller	after school care SMM
Stephanie Hoernke	elementary teacher S
Stacy Sweetalla	elementary teacher SMM
Patrisha Hoffman	elementary teacher SMM
Tina Fairweather	assistant principal SMM
Mike Zuleger	principal middle school

Fine Arts

Work in process to support Fine Arts goals and strategies:

- Transforming the Fine Arts Committee into a working parent group that supports fine arts similarly to how Boosters supports sports programs
- Creating regular income streams for our arts programs, for example:
 - Consistent rentals in the FAEC like KidStage® (5 shows per year)
 - Artsonia online school gallery, which also has a shop where our school will earn 20%

- Sourcing outside artists to work with our students, like Wisconsin Singers last year, new Fine Arts Master classes, etc.
- Professional development dedicated to our fine arts staff and greater support for their productions and shows each semester

Technology

- 4 Year Technology Plan - New middle school one-to-one program, teacher laptop replacements and elementary class sets purchased with \$250,000 donation according to the plan.
- New year start-up challenges:
 - New equipment for MAP testing; goal to have each student do the pre-test on the computers prior to the actual roll-out of MAP. On target to meet this goal.
 - Long start-up times at the beginning of the school year
 - Some wireless dark spots between classes
 - Typical hardware/software new equipment problems
 - New middle school building and equipment; boot-camp for 165 students to new laptops
- Advances:
 - Lots of excitement around Smart Boards at all levels
 - Technology staff showing strong customer service skills and reputation for working until problems are truly fixed; repairs by technicians are saving time and providing better long-term outcomes.
 - Technology trainer getting lots of requests for new training tools; excited about response to the new “just-in-time” strategy
 - Favorable comments from tech staff about teachers and principals working collaboratively
 - Transitioned to Power School Scheduling this fall

Other – Fund Development Committee

Annual Fund:

- Early Bird kick-off with employees garnered almost \$3,000. We offered a prize drawing for two \$50 Kwik Trip cards to any employee who turned in their pledge card (with check or payroll deduction) by September 4. We had several new donors. This is first time we’ve ever done this or offered the payroll deduction.
- Brochure is at the printers and should be in mailboxes by the end of September.
- Committee meeting again on September 29. We have a few new faces to energize that group and are working to implement new ideas.
- Attended each elementary school parent’s night to talk about Annual Fund and Scrip benefits.

Donor Relations:

- On Friday, 9/18, we are hosting Dick Hartl (SMC alumni) and his wife for a business meeting, tour of newly expanded VEX Robotics Center and middle school and lunch. The Hartl’s (Dick and Joan are major sponsors of our technology efforts, have a technology room named in their honor at SMC and provide a generous 4-year college scholarship to two SMC graduates each Spring).

- Next week, Michelle and Greg Cheslock are meeting with a donor who would like to be a major sponsor for the VEX Robotics program.
- Work continues with major planned gifts and management of gifting process.