

Education Committee Meeting

January 13, 2016

Marketing

- Placement and transition – sent emails to High Schools where current SSMS graduates are. Padua said that some freshman were on the deans list and other high schools have to respond. Not sure if public high schools will respond.
- Moving up night, Amy will ask some SSMS graduates to attend. Invitations for moving up night will go to every family, not just the ones who have kids moving up.
- Family dinner night will continue.
- Coffees with Amy next year might have some evening times too so everyone is included.

Extracurricular

- There might be darts, chess, Kids Art and a few more opportunities for extracurricular activities. Emailing to find out new opportunities. Need to make phone calls to get more information. Maybe fencing, JumpStartSports, archery.
- Maybe we should have something like a “working Wednesday” where parents can come in for around two hours to get their volunteer time in. Maybe can help make calls for extracurricular activities and things like that.

Summer Camp

- A summer camp committee was added last meeting.
- Want to know what is the purpose of having a summer camp at SSMS. One reason was because SSMS has working parents and the kids need to have somewhere to go during summer and have continuity.
- SSMS never pursued something above 3-6 year old because there are so many other summer camps for older kids and SSMS didn't want to compete with those.
- Who is going to teach summer camp? SSMS doesn't just want to hand it off to college students. Wants the summer camp to have the same values etc as the school. They will discuss this further.
- It was mentioned that having a week of an introduction to lower elementary or other levels kids move up so the kids can get to know their teachers and students in the class and they will look into this.

Illness and Communicable Disease

- This was added in the last meeting
- Joy said she will chair the committee
- What's the best policies for schools for illness and communicable diseases?

- You don't have to have vaccines to go to school in Ohio for religious, medical or philosophical reasons. You can waive immunizing your child in Ohio. But this means that you are waiving your right for your child to come to school if there's an outbreak.
- They will try to make a goal for this committee
- Want to document in the handbook very clear definitions for the people who do not get their kids vaccinated. Need to find out what is acceptable to say.
- Goal – review policy, define it better, best practices

Misc

- No new priorities
- The marketing and parent education committees seemed to combine
- Maybe next meeting we can add a couple of new topics since some of the old ones are running fine. Maybe take off some and add new committees.