

# PREP Moms

November 10, 2015

## I. Opening Prayer

## II. Introductions/Attendance:

Michelle Jarzynka	Deb Goeman	Ann Tjaden
Sheila Richter	Heidi Leaders	Cathy Goracke
Paula Toth	Michelle Varney	Caroll Hacker
Julie Dunbar	Tanya Fletcher	Lisa Schalley
Polly Snodgrass-Evans	Toody Moffatt	Barb Hechtner
Kris Atkins	Jean Dare	Trish Walz
Maureen Emodi	Beth Rivera	

## III. Principal's Report - Maureen Emodi

Mr. Naatz regrets not able to be present; at a national Jesuit Principal conference. Mr. Naatz's report as read by Maureen Emodi:

- Class of 2015 ACT scores and college readiness results.
- All-state band members announced.
- Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission representatives.
- Curriculum shift to take place next year with World History moving to sophomore year and PE will be moved to freshman year.
- Health and Wellness random drug testing program - some adjustments this year between being tested for drugs and/or alcohol and gauging students' risk-taking based on working the system; parents continue to express gratitude in the program.
- Next school year will see the merge of the Art and Technology departments to form Integrated Arts & Technology Department.
- There will be a meeting for parents of juniors on paying for college on Nov. 18.
- Nov. 13 is a retreat day; no school.
- University of Nebraska College of Engineering has honored several Prep faculty members for excellence in engineering education.
- Faculty recently presented 1:1 iPad integration to Marian faculty.
- Various faculty recently attended a professional development conference on Google apps to enhance the 1:1 iPad program at Prep.

- Chris Goodrich visited schools in New England to review best practices in math education.
- Tami Suprenant attended professional development for the World Language Department.
- Karri Martin will be attending professional development for the English Department.

Fr. Nietzsche also had a conflict and was not able to attend.

#### IV. Prep Moms President's Report

##### Recent Events:

- Many accomplishments since Prep Moms meeting in September; luncheons, dances, Moms Social. Open House - thanks to everyone for their help in the Prep Moms supportive role to the Enrollment Management Department.
- Mom Prom committee proceeding well; in need of some dad volunteers. Event is Mon. Feb. 15. Look for sign-ups in upcoming Pulses.
- Prep in need of volunteers for Gender Advising Talks for Mon. Dec. 14 in the morning. Email Maureen for more information. This is a valuable experience for the boys.
- Guest speaker in January meeting will be Tom Reinhart. It would be helpful to have some questions in advance for him to address. Any questions you have for the Counseling Department, this is a good opportunity to ask them. Email your questions to Maureen.
- Pat Neary did an Inside Prep: Prep Moms video feature. It is a great expression of gratitude that the school has for our organization. It will be published in an upcoming Pulse.

##### General Business

#### V. Committee Reports

Jay Mart - Joy Witecy: Shopping in the Jay Mart tonight.

Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheons - Julie Dunbar/ Maureen Tierney-Brennan: Great help for first one of the year. Pasta was served for second one. Chili for upcoming one.

Freshman Homecoming - Polly Snodgrass-Evans: Sign-up Genius filled up and provided great snacks for the dance. Will be sending out another Sign-up for the Freshman Christmas Formal.

Homecoming - Stacey Burke: All went well.

Prep Moms Fall Social - Cathy Goracke/Tanya Fletcher: Oct. 22 second annual fall social. Greater attendance than last year. Acoustic musician provided live music; intends to continue for future events.

Open House - Heidi Leaders: About 240 families, 800 visitors. Down from previous year. Possibly due to Halloween being the night before, nice weather, daylight savings ending. Heidi has a list of recommendations for next year.

#### VI. Upcoming Activities

Faculty/Staff Appreciation Lunch - 11/19 Toody Moffatt

Freshman Christmas Dance Treats - 12/5 Polly Snodgrass-Evans

Faculty/Staff Christmas Cookie Gifts - 12/10 Diane Delaney/Judy Pritza

Freshman Gender Advising Talks - 12/14 Maureen Emodi

Volunteers needed – sign-up sheet to learn more about it

Operation Others Worker's Lunch - 12/18 Toody Moffatt/Colleen McQuillan

Maintenance Crew Support Breakfast - 12/29 Christine Flint

8th Grade Entrance Exam - 1/9/16 Wendy Prosser/Nancy Mandel

#### VII. Closing Prayer

#### VIII. Guest Speaker-Sara Smith

Next Prep Moms Meeting: Tuesday, January 12 7:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Mr. Tom Reinhart, Counseling Department

Adjournment 7:40 p.m.

Next meeting: January 12, 2016