

Middle States Planning Team Meeting
Meeting Minutes- February 24, 2014

Start of Meeting 1:50pm

Members Present: Patricia O’Grady, Sister Michelle, Sister Peggy Ann, Marie Campanile, Anthony Piparo, Elizabeth Rogacki, Michael Vigil, Anna Tomasello, Marcelle Farhat, Gabrielle Ramos, Lisa Turano

Members Missing: Sister Fran, Michael Guarducci, Katie Corwin, Joan Olsinski

1. Opening Remarks: Pat O’Grady
Pat discussed the method the used to establish Student Performance Objectives. Each objective must be evaluated at the mid-term point (3 ½ years) after accreditation.
2. Objective 1 Comments/Suggestions: Discussion occurred regarding each objective. The committee asked for some data. They requested to know the percentage of students presently in the tenth grade who scored below the fiftieth percentile in the PSAT critical reading test and the rubric scores for students who are in US History I doing document based questions. The committee also agreed that the Nelson Denny Reading test should be one of the objective measurements for this objective. The test should be given at the beginning of freshman year and to the same group at the beginning of junior year to measure progress.
3. Objective 2 Comments/Suggestions: The committee asked for preliminary data regarding number of students who failed last year's final exam in Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II and the percentage of students presently in the tenth grade who scored below the fiftieth percentile on the PSAT math test.
4. Objective 3 Comments/Suggestions: Honor Code – Form a committee to develop an Honor Code and then have students sign the Honor Code. Come up with a survey that can be calculated anonymously to determine honesty and integrity in all areas of life at Mount Saint Dominic. It was determined that students will come up with the survey that can be administered to all students. Mr. Piparo and Sister Peggy Ann will head the committee with Mrs. Turano and Gabrielle Ramos. This committee will meet and report back to the group in one month.
5. Pat asked all on the committee to sign up for one of the objectives and help to determine an action plan. Objective 1: Improve critical thinking and reading skills (Chairpersons – Mike Guarducci, Mike Vigil); Objective 2: Improvement of basic math skills (Chairpersons – Marcelle Farhat, Sister Michelle); Objective 3: Improvement and awareness of issues of integrity and honesty (Charipersons – Anthony Piparo, Sister Peggy Ann).

6. Closing Remarks: Pat thanked all the members of the team for their input and she will check dates with the administration for future work sessions. Tentative next Middle States Meeting is Monday, March 31, 2014

Meeting ended at 2:50pm