

Middle States Planning Team Meeting Meeting Minutes- March 10, 2015

Start of Meeting 9:45 am

Members Present: Patricia O’Grady, Sister Peggy Ann, Marie Campanile, Joan Olsinski, Anthony Piparo, Michael Guarducci, Michael Vigil, Sister Michelle, Aricel Brion, Katie Corwin, Gabrielle Ramos, Elizabeth Rogacki, Alberto Rodriguez, Mrs. Turano

Members Missing: Sister Fran, Katie Corwin

1. Opening Remarks: Pat O’Grady
2. Update on the self-study process and overview of Planning Process:
 - Began in spring of 2013 with the selection of the Internal Coordinator, Pat O’Grady
 - In summer of 2013, Sister Fran and Pat selected members of the planning team to be representative of faculty, staff, students, and parents.
 - In fall of 2013, planning team met to begin planning the process.
 - Fall of 2013, faculty, staff and students reviewed our foundation documents, mission, beliefs, and portrait of a graduate according to the four pillars: community, study, prayer, and, and mission. Please review these documents on the website under “About us”, under *accreditation* before the team visit.
 - Board of Trustees reaffirmed our mission, beliefs, and vision.
 - Website set up to keep stakeholders informed.
 - Fall of 2013, Letter sent to parents about the self-study process.
 - Fall of 2013, Students, faculty, staff, and parents asked to complete a survey regarding how well the Mount meets the twelve standards set up by the Middle States Association for Accreditation.
 - Fall of 2013, Faculty, students asked to list academic and non-academic areas in need of improvement.
 - In the winter and spring of 2014, after reviewing feedback from surveys on standards and academic and non-academic goals, we had several workshop days to develop our student performance objectives of improving critical thinking, reading and writing skills, basic math skills necessary for math and science classes, and our goal of fostering integrity in all areas of life.
 - We reviewed the results of baseline tests in each of these areas such as the SAT and PSAT results and the honesty and integrity questionnaire.
 - In spring of 2014, each committee developed action plans for accomplishing our student performance objectives.
 - In May of 2014, we finalized our action plans.
 - Fall of 2014, we administered baseline tests and surveys in reading, basic math skills, and honesty survey.

- In 2014, we submitted out objectives for approval
- In fall of 2014, we started to work on our action plans, (Completed and received approval for the honor code, scheduled in-service meetings on blended learning, new SAT, critical thinking in (April). Math dept working on algebra and geometry baseline test, met with science dept to determine basic skills needed. DBQ assignment given-baseline and second assignment)
- What's next? The VISIT !!!!!!!
- Anyone who wants to meet with Team or who can afford some time after school on Thursday at 3pm, please let me know.

Meeting ended at 10:10 am