

## **Professional Development Committee**

January 27, 2009, 3:00 - 4:00 P.M.  
Room 430

**Members:** Justin Christensen, Bobby Gavin, Kate Kodros, Mary McCarty, Paul Molinelli, Steve Bluford (for Jan Mullen), Chuck Murphy, Linda Rich, Patrick Ruff, Patty Zatkan, Meredith Galvin (for Chad Zullinger)  
Excused: Don Gamble

**Guests:** Matt Balano, Abram Jackson, Michelle Levine

The meeting began with a prayer.

**Spring In-service:** Paul updated the Committee about plans for the Spring In-service on March 5<sup>th</sup>. In light of discussion at the last PDC meeting, Paul, Matt, and Abram formed an In-service Planning Team, comprised of interested faculty who meet regularly to plan the in-service. In addition to Paul, Matt, and Abram, the team consists of Justin Christensen, Grace Curcio, Jim Dekker, Bobby Gavin, and Shannon Vanderpol. This group held its first meeting before the Christmas break and continues to meet weekly on Friday mornings before FML.

While the specific agenda for the in-service is still emerging, the general plan includes a general introductory and context-setting activity, one or more small-group case study activities, followed by a whole-group summarizing/synthesizing activity. Lunch will be provided in the Commons after the in-service.

The main objective for the day is to "Identify ways to create a safe and inclusive environment for all of our students, inside and outside the classroom." The primary way to meet this objective will be to focus upon specific scenarios or case studies that the In-service Planning Team is presently crafting. The Planning Team has already drafted eight possible scenarios and is in the process of choosing and/or blending those scenarios that can provide the broadest range of contexts and that are nuanced and complex enough to resist easy solutions or quick answers.

The Committee briefly discussed several logistical elements of the day, including questions about small-group facilitation and the best venue for the whole-staff activities. Members of the In-service Planning Team explained that faculty would be solicited and trained to facilitate these small-group activities. There was also general agreement that the Choral Room would be the ideal meeting space for the whole-group portions of the in-service.

**Sabbatical Report – Michelle Levine:** Michelle presented an overview of her 2007-08 sabbatical project, the purpose of which was to help develop a comprehensive wellness program at SI. Michelle provided the Committee with a quick update of the Wellness Program's evolution, and referred the Committee to the Wellness Program website for more information about the program's mission, objectives, current structure, and areas of emphasis (<http://www.siprep.org/wellness/>). Michelle reviewed with the Committee various wellness program models, including those used by SF Unified and by other Catholic and Jesuit high schools. Michelle outlined her vision of an ideal wellness program, and she highlighted some of the fiscal and institutional challenges of implementing such a program. (A QuickTime version of these slides is available at <http://www.siprep.org/prodev/WellnessPDC.mov>.)

**Summer Grants** — Paul reminded the Committee that the next meeting would focus upon review of 2009 Summer Curriculum Grant applications, which are due Monday, February 23, the day before the next Professional Development Committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, 2/24