

**St. Jude Education Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2010**  
**7:45 pm Parish Meeting Rm #2**

**In Attendance:** Kathy Ray, Kamela Kurzhals, Mike Nieman, Holly Aug, Tom Tressler, Marianne Dressman, Cara Kramer, Terri Knue, Jen Long, Angie Schroeder, Kim Cole, Mary Berger, Missy Meinhardt, Bob Huber, Elaine Kroger, Fr. Eric

**Missing:** Isaak A Isaak

1. **Opening Prayer:** Missy Meinhardt
2. **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** Kim Cole, Mary Berger
3. **Old Business:**

**3.1 Online Grading Update: (Bob Huber):** Bob is in the process of working on getting this up and running.

**3.2 Teacher Leadership Program Update (Tom Tressler & Mike Nieman):** All of the money needed for the first year has been raised. Photo money coming in from the Dressman's will continue. Thank you letters are in the process of being completed. It was decided that teachers will be paid twice a year, December and April. The teachers will provide a wrap up as to how the program went at the June meeting.

**3.3 Open House (Marianne Dressman):** Open House went very well. There were 62 new families, mostly K and 1. Positive comments were made about the Science Lab activities by many families. Common questions asked were about Algebra and teaching foreign languages. Suggestions were made to start the tours from the old gym and have representatives set up there to give people time to look while waiting for a guide.

**4. Report Items**

**4.1 Teachers report (Mrs. Kurzhals, Mrs. Aug, Mrs. Kroger, Ms. Ray)**

- **Science:** Science textbook adoption is underway. Checklists were made and distributed to identify books that met the requirements for the graded course of study. Having difficulty with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade books as the state is changing requirements. Several students qualified to take their Science Fair projects to UC.
- **Math:** Some 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students went to Sycamore Jr. High for a Math competition. All 3 teams received a superior rating.

- **LA:** Focusing on stair stepping from grade to grade to ensure limited repeating and ensure alignment.
- **Religion:** 2 subcommittees have been formed. One committee is working on prayer services. One is working on service projects. Trying to rejuvenate the Lenten Penny Race. Hoping to aid the Mary Magdalene Shower House with toiletries the week before Holy Week. Father offered to talk to the kids about the Shower House as he spent time working there. Ms. Little is working on a speaker from Camboni Missions.
- Specials are busy. Technology is fabulous. One teacher is renewing her license.

#### **4.2 Principal's Report (Bob Huber)**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade scholarship and award winners were shared.
- Calendar for 2010- 2011 is being distributed. Trying to work with area high schools to avoid conflicts with graduation of siblings.
- Terra Novas are back. General scoring info was shared. Downtown is looking into switching from the Terra Novas to a different standardized test.
- Catholic Schools Week is underway. Bob will be taking 1 student from each grade to the cathedral for mass.

#### **4.3 PTO (Cara Kramer)**

- Cat Ambassadors are coming on Thursday 2/4 for a presentation during Catholic Schools Week.
- Friday 2/5 is the volleyball game, 8<sup>th</sup> grade vs. staff
- "Soup"er Bowl is going on. Donations will be going to Matthew 25 Ministries and then to Haiti.
- Gift Certificates are still doing extremely well.
- Money was collected for the O'Shea family.
- PTO Open Meeting celebrating Fat Tuesday. People are encouraged to come to look at positions that are open for the PTO.

#### **4.4 Pastor's Report (Fr. Bowman)**

**None**

### **5. New Business**

**5.1 Recruiting of new members:** Each member should try to recruit 2 names of people that would be interested in running for Education Commission.

**5.2 Delayed Start/ Early Release:** Missy recommended looking into an early release/ delayed start calendar addition to benefit the staff. These times can be used to give the staff opportunities to meet and work together. Mr. Huber is concerned that this will affect the Kindergarten students. It was recommended to alternate the delay/ early dismissal monthly to alleviate it always affecting morning or afternoon Kindergarten.

**6. Closing Prayer: Fr. Eric**

**7. Adjournment: 9:05**

**Next Meeting: March 2,2010 7:45**