

St. Jude Parish Education Commission
June 5, 2007
Amended Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Micki Deutenberg, Dan Kuderer, Bob Huber, Pauline Bley, Mike Loth, Mary Hatch, Jen Buse, Chris Hoferer, Kathy Reid, Fr. Dressman, Jerry Weber, Mike Nieman, Angie Schroeder, Missy Meinhardt

Absence: Isaak A. Isaak, Rob Beiersdorfer

Approval of Minutes: Jen Buse and Kathy Reid

Opening Prayer: Fr. Dressman

Jerry Weber began the meeting by thanking the outgoing Education Commission members Rob Beiersdorfer, Pauline Bley and Dan Kuderer. He then welcomed new members Missy Meinhardt, Mike Nieman and Angie Schroeder. The three new members viewed the Archdiocese video on the roles and responsibilities of the Parish Education Commission prior to the meeting.

Election of Officers for 2007 - 2008: The following Education Commission officers were elected for 2007 - 2008: Jerry Weber – President, Jen Buse - Vice-President, and Micki Deutenberg - Secretary.

Previous Business/Announcements:

P.A.C.T.S: Mr. Huber gave an overview of P.A.C.T.S for the new Education Commission members.

Report Items:

Teachers' Report: None.

Principal's Report: Mr. Huber reported on the staffing changes for the upcoming school year.

School enrollment is up to 501 students. The first grade class is at 54 students and kindergarten is at 38 students with two openings in the afternoon session.

The extended day care position has now been changed from a part-time position to a full-time position. The extended day care position has been expanded to include responsibilities for the after school program.

PTO Report: Chris Hoferer reported on the following: PTO contributed \$1000 for the 8th grade graduation; the 8th grade yard signs were placed in the graduate's yard; PTO is still looking at contributing a significant amount of money towards a remodeled science lab; the memorial for Jack Schuermann.

Pastor's Report: Depending on when St. Jude's festival is next year, St. Al may need to be notified. If not on May 30 – June 1, then St. Jude's festival will be scheduled on the same weekend as St. Al's.

Discussion Items:

Teacher Surveys: Parents have reported positively on the survey. They are happy to have the opportunity to express their thoughts. Mr. Huber will review the surveys at a later time.

Enrichment Program Criteria for Selection: Mary Hatch presented her thoughts on the need for clearly defined, standardized guidelines for the enrichment selection process. Mary's main point was that without such guidelines there is no way to ensure expected or consistent outcomes. As a starting point for establishing such guidelines Mary proposed that we consider the traditional standard for enrichment program admission: performance in the 95% or above on the norm-referenced part of the Terra Nova, teacher approval, and good grades. Mary went on to propose that if it can be agreed upon that barring unusual circumstances all such students are unquestionably qualified for the enrichment program, then guidelines ensuring their admittance should be incorporated into selection process. Mr. Huber stated that as far as he is concerned the issue of the enrichment selection process is considered closed for the time being as the majority of committee members agree that no changes need to be or will be made to the enrichment program. *(Changed from original minutes as discussed and voted on by committee on 08/07/07.)*

Closing Prayer: Fr. Dressman

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next Education Commission meeting is August 7 at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Micki Deutenberg