

St. Jude Parish Education Commission
March 4, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Fr. Eric, Bob Huber, Jerry Weber, Jen Buse, Micki Deutenberg, Kathy Reid, Angie Schroeder, Missy Meinhardt, Mike Nieman, Mike Loth, Ms. Cranley, Mrs. Helbling, Mrs. Gibboney, Jeff Feller, Chris Hoferer (PTO)

Absence: Isaak A. Isaak, Mary Hatch

Approval of Minutes: Jen Buse Kathy Reid.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Eric

Previous Business/Announcements:

Terra Nova clarification.

After school programs – Mr. Huber will present idea at next principal cluster meeting not to teachers.

Report Items:

Oak Hills Students Announcements and Math Program - Jeff Feller spoke to the Commission regarding the need for an upper level math class at St. Jude. He felt that this is necessary to help students make a smooth transition to Oak Hills H.S. Jeff also asked Mr. Huber to pass all information regarding Oak Hills District to families through the Hey Jude. Mr. Huber said all information provided by the district is included in the Hey Jude.

Teachers' Report: 2nd Grade - making First Communion. Ms. Cranely is looking into the appropriateness of a Creation Museum field trip. 3rd grade – Ms. Klopp's mother passed away. 4th grade taking field trip to Bodyology exhibit (not controversial) at UC's Great Hall, working on peer bios., Revolutionary war, and will be taking a religious field trip to St. Ritas. 6th grade - DARE graduation, 7th grade - Eveybody Counts, 8th grade - speech contest, and Power of the Pen.

Principal's Report:

2008-2009 Enrollment - Mr. Huber presented the initial 2008-2009 enrollment figures. Overall, initial enrollment had increased compared to the 2007-2008 school year (524 vs. 498). Mr. Huber emphasized that enrollment figures will fluctuate between now and

the start of the school year, however both he and Fr. Eric were very encouraged by the increased numbers.

Kindergarten enrollment: 42 children enrolled in the kindergarten class. Per the admissions policy, enrollment for each kindergarten class was supposed to be capped at 20. There was discussion concerning whether we should increase the class size in order to accommodate the additional 2 students.

First grade enrollment: 67 children were signed up for first grade. Per the admissions policy, our targeted class size is 27. Mr. Huber explained that he, Ken Schultz and Fr. Eric initially met and decided that we would offer two classes of 30 students for first grade, placing 7 students on a waiting list. He further explained that the 60 students were selected based on the admissions policy set forth by the Education Commission. There was quite a bit of discussion concerning this decision.

PTO Report: PTO Board Members (president, vice-president, and corresponding secretary) are needed for next year, spread the word. Lenten Penny Race is underway; PTO Fashion Show raised \$10,000 profit.

Discussion Items:

2008-2009 Calendar – Jen Buse inquired about next year’s school calendar. Per Mr. Huber the schedule is set. Factors contribute to school calendar include number of required in-school days, teacher conferences, parish festival.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Eric

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Next Education Commission meeting is April 1, 2001 at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Micki Deutenberg