

SAINT JOSEPH PARENT SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

FEBRUARY 8, 2010

Board Members Present:

Kerri Bendele, Angi Bunn, Rachel Feldpausch, Krista Hallead, Teresa Kaczmarek, Juanita McCann, Greg McPherson, Sheryl Middleton, Janelle Paksi, Deanne Purtill, Tomi Ann Schultheiss, Laura Skriba, Stacie Smith, Bridgette Voisinet

Board Members Excused:

Cathie Dobernick, Mary Jo Eiseler, Tammy Kosnik, Katie McKee, Kristin Smith, Angela Thelen, Laura Thelen,

Board Members Absent:

Angela Stornant

Visitors:

Jim Kotowicz

Teacher Representative:

Dorian Cormier, Dorella Page-Hunter

Call To Order:

President Sheryl Middleton called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. with the *Our Father*. Quorum, 2/3 of Executive Board is necessary to vote.

Approval of Minutes:

January minutes were distributed. Two corrections were noted, item C5 was corrected to read Erica Carver, Teachers Report was corrected to read Nancy Goerge. After being reviewed it was the consensus of the group that the January 2010 minutes should be approved as amended.

Additions to the Agenda:

Under New Business:

No items were added to the agenda.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was distributed and discussed. Most items were consistent with budgeted amounts. A few items were pointed out. It was clarified that classroom supplies for Sherry Winkler were books and other items to stock the 2nd grade classroom she took over at the beginning of the school year. Classroom supplies for Cheryl Wieber was for tie-blanket making supplies. A question was raised about the "Total First Bank Checking" amounts listed on page 3, line 4 of the General Ledger. It was suggested

that this item be discussed again when Tomi Ann can provide input. Following additional discussion it was requested that the treasurer provided explanation for calculation of these amounts at a future meeting. Tomi Ann also clarified that the amount paid to Randy Padgett was to update software and upgrade memory on the library computers. Part of the impetus for this was the self study slated for mid February, and the need for adequate computers for study participated to utilize; though the updating was needed even without the study group use.

Old Business:

A. St. Joe Jots

The following items were suggested to be considered for upcoming issue(s) of St. Joe Jots: March is reading month; field trip reviews; free-throw contest results; daddy daughter dance; Mother/Son bowling info; Catholic Schools Week wrap-up, in particular penny drive results; Haiti fund collection, if completed; boys basketball tournament info/results/CYC website.

B. Catholic Schools Week

It was reported that Catholic Schools Week activities went very well. The penny-drive earned over \$1,200 and the Haiti jar that is across from the office continues to grow. The picture of the kids in the form of a cross came out very well. All seemed to enjoy the bingo game with Fr. Eoin, and the staff appreciation was thoroughly enjoyed as usual. Having a special ice-cream treat at lunch seemed was less expensive than the cake and ice-cream treat previously provided, but still popular with the kids; though feedback from lunchroom staff indicated it may work better to wait to give kids treats until they hand in their acceptably finished lunch tray. Teacher comments indicated that the events were a nice blend of activities that the kids had fun with, but didn't require significant teacher planning.

Parent's night out was as popular as ever with the kids, and this year's addition of a parent event at the Emerald was popular and enjoyed by the 60 or so in attendance. The food was very good, and it was a nice chance to sit and chat. Discussion took place about trying to find a time, maybe in the fall, when a similar event could take place which could be attended by parents and teachers.

C. Thank You's

Sheryl commented that this item was added to the agenda as a result of discussion that took place at and following the last PSC meeting. In January it was suggested that a card and \$25 gift certificate be presented to Ann Burnash for her effort to bring the daily-3 raffle to the school and her hard work to get it off the ground. Because of low participation in November, no future raffles are currently planned.

While consensus of the group seemed to support showing appreciation to Ann, questions were raised about what precedence giving a gift certificate for her efforts might set. How could the group determine who should be recognized and who doesn't need to be? Amount of money raised for the school, for the church? Time dedicated, who judges? What about committee volunteers, for example Carnival subgroups? Other fundraiser coordinators, etc.?

The item was tabled until the March meeting to facilitate a vote. Ann was thanked in the St. Joe Jots, but no other card or thanks has been provided pending this decision.

D. Spring Picnic

It was reported that the Spring Picnic is set for May 7th, which is consistent with previous years. Someone to shadow the coordinator is still being sought.

E. By Laws Committee

The annual review of PSC bylaws is underway. Committee members are Angi Bunn, Sheryl Middleton, Laura Skriba and Bridgette Voisinet. Comments and updates to the document are being sought with recommendations brought to the March PSC meeting if possible.

It was reported that PSC information, including bylaws, will be provided at Kindergarten Walk-Through on March 19th to jumpstart Kindergarten parent involvement and so that a full slate of grade reps can be in place at the August meeting.

F. Basketball Tournaments

A signup sheet was passed around to solicit volunteers for upcoming basketball tournaments that will be hosted by St. Joe. Tammy Kosnik is coordinating.

New Business:

Principal's Report

Tomi Ann indicating that they are anticipating the Self Study Visit later this week, though the weather may become problematic. Both teachers and administration indicated they are looking forward to showing off the kids and the school to the review team. Tomi Ann indicated that preparations and the Study Visit itself tend to be stressful, but all are expecting favorable results.

Teacher's Report

Dorian Cormier and Dorella Page-Hunter indicated their thanks for the donations and support for Catholic Schools Week and another successful Parent's night out. 2010 marks the 17th year of teachers hosting the Parent's Night Out event. They commented they would be very much in favor of an adult parents/teachers night out.

Ending Prayer - *Hail Mary*

Adjournment

Consensus approved adjourning the meeting at 7:20 pm, and the meeting was closed by Sheryl Middleton. Those present were reminded that the next PSC meeting is slated for March 8th.