

SAINT JOSEPH PARENT SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

June 9, 2010; Special Meeting

Board Members Present:

Kerri Bendele, Angi Bunn, MaryJo Eiseler, Krista Hallead, Teresa Kaczmarek, Tammy Kosnik, Katie McKee, Sheryl Middleton, Janelle Paksi, , Deanne Purtill TomiAnn Schultheiss, Eric Smith in proxy for Stacie Smith, Kristin Smith, Angie Stornant, and Bridgette Voisinet

Board Members Excused:

Laura Skriba, Cathie Dobernick, Rachel Feldpausch, Juanita McCann, Greg McPherson, Angela Thelen, Laura Thelen

Call To Order:

President Sheryl Middleton indicated that this special meeting had been scheduled to discuss the Infinite Campus System. She called the meeting to order at 11:47 AM with the *Our Father*.

Additions to the Agenda:

Teacher Stipend review was added to the agenda.

Teacher Stipend Review:

Sheryl Middleton announced that upon reviewing the budget, only \$1,450 of the \$2,500 Teacher stipend budget has been spent. It was realized that less than intended had been given out, and that the balance of the budget item should be paid out. This amounted to \$50/full time school employee. It was the consensus of the Executive Council that the balance should be paid out.

Infinite Campus:

TomiAnn Schultheiss described how she had been looking into the infinite campus computer network utilized by St. Johns Public School. The system would allow a more interactive relationship between teachers and parents. It will also allow teachers to post grades and information on student progress, as well as helping track attendance.

TomiAnn indicated that she had discussions with St. Johns Public staff, and she was recently provided a bid to implement the system. She commented that the decision to fund could wait until fall, but that, it would be helpful to begin setup over the summer. To facilitate use of the system, classroom computers would need to be upgraded. While that updating could be done a few computers at a time when funding was available, the ideal situation would be to standardize both computers and operating systems. She also remarked that laptops would improve flexibility for teachers, helping to ease and encourage broad implementation of the system.

TomiAnn requested that the PSC fund the infinite campus for the first year of implementation. Once the system is implemented, she remarked that the modest annual cost (approximately \$10/student) for the system would likely be added to other standard fees paid by parents.

Very positive comments were voiced by parents present who had older children in the public school. A question was raised about whether the system would be beneficial for teachers as well as

parents. TomiAnn reported that once implemented, the system should be more efficient for teachers and the school as a whole. While there would certainly be a period of adjustment, it should not be significantly more effort. It would also have the advantage of providing access for students in advance of entering the public school. Additional components can also be added that helped track lunch accounts and other day to day aspects of school management.

TomiAnn indicated that a source for computers had been located for \$400/classroom. It was reported that there is approximately \$16,000 in the special funds set aside for the computer lab renovation that was planned last year. This project has not been completed for a variety of reasons, but the current setup is working sufficiently. As such, these funds could be re-allocated to the infinite campus project, leaving about \$9,000 that would need to be covered.

It was clarified that the PSC currently has just under \$16,000 in the Excess liquid funds available for special projects.

A motion was made by Angi Bunn to use up to \$9,000 from the PSC budget excess funds that can be allocated to special projects for the setup costs related to implementation of the Infinite Campus. Janelle Paksi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Ending Prayer - Hail Mary

Adjournment

A motion was made by Teresa Kaczmarek to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 pm. Bridgette Voisinet supported the motion and it was unanimously approved.