

## **St Jude School Commission Minutes of the Meeting Held March 9, 2004**

The St. Jude School Commission (the "Commission") met on March 9, 2004. The following members of the Commission were present, constituting a quorum: Greg Dant, Chairman; Sr. James Michael, Ex-Officio Member and Administrative Officer; Bessie Davey, Member; Cheryl McAllen, Member; Paul Sahn, Member; and, John Swhear, Secretary. Member Bill Hampton was absent.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:03pm. He recognized Sister James Michael who provided an opening prayer.

The minutes from the previous meeting of the Commission, held on February 10, 2004, having been previously distributed to the members of the Commission, were approved by voice vote without modification.

First, the Commission discussed a budget wish list for next year. Items such as carpeting in a few rooms and a new floor in the upstairs hallway were discussed as examples of items for the list. Tables for the cafeteria and a projector for computers were also discussed.

Next, the Commission discussed registration for the next school year. There were many more applicants than available slots in virtually every grade. The Commission discussed the numbers.

The Commission also discussed a possible recommendation regarding handicapped students. Bessie Davey volunteered to chair a committee to look in to the subject and report back to the Commission. The committee should research the costs required to accommodate as well as the impact on tuition resulting from these costs.

The next item of business was field trips. The Commission decided to table this subject until a future meeting.

Next, the Commission discussed a definition of "active family" for purposes of the Parish's subsidy to the school. While 17% of the Parish families have children in the school, school families contributions represent only 10% of the weekly collection. The Commission suggested that we review the contributions numbers for school families that are outside the Parish boundaries to see if these levels are consistent with in-boundary donations or lower. Mr. Dant will look into the numbers.

Next, Sister asked the Commission their input regarding changing First Communion from second grade to third grade, leaving Reconciliation at second grade. Father believes that two sacraments in one year is very difficult for children and staff to adequately prepare. The Commission was supportive of the suggestion, but recommended that it should be delayed for one year and communicated well ahead of time.

Next, Mr. Swhear reported on the Technology Committee. Mr. Sahn reported that there is \$2,299 in the budget from PTO to be spent by the Committee on technology prior to the end of the year. The Commission recommended that the Technology Committee decide how to spend the money and do so quickly.

Next, Mr. Sahn reported on the Finance Committee. Bob Susemichael was a guest to discuss budget issues with the Commission. It was determined that the Commission will continue to discuss budget issues at each meeting and drill down to the next level of detail to manage the budget throughout the year.

The next report was from the Membership Committee. Mr. Dant reported that the Committee has a candidate to be discerned prior to the next meeting. He will contact the individual and invite him to the next meeting.

Next, Sister James Michael gave the Principal's report to the Commission. She reported that the Milliken representatives will be in tomorrow. The seventh and eighth grade will have a junior high rally at Holy Name. Finally. She reported that report cards will be distributed next week.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2004 at 7:00p.m. There being no further business before the Commission, there was a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded, and the Commission adjourned at 9:16p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Swhear  
Secretary