

St Jude School Commission Minutes of the Meeting Held April 13, 2004

The St. Jude School Commission (the "Commission") met on April 13, 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; Bill Hampton, Member; Cheryl McAllen, Member; Paul Sahn, Member; and, John Swhear, Secretary. Michael Croddy, Member-nominee was also present.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00pm. He recognized Sister James Michael who provided an opening prayer.

The minutes from the previous meeting of the Commission, held on March 9, 2004, having been previously distributed to the members of the Commission, were approved by voice vote with modification. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED, That Michael Croddy is hereby elected to serve, for a term of three years, as a Member of the St. Jude School Commission.

Next, the commission discussed the Kindergarten enrollment policy. The subject was discussed at the Parish Council meeting. All enrollees are admitted provided that there are no additional enrollees. Sister and the Chairman will draft a letter to all enrollees that clearly states that enrollment in the Kindergarten class does not assure the student a place in the First Grade class in the 2005/2006 school year. The Commission will study and update the enrollment policy by next year's registration.

Next, the Commission discussed the definition of "Active Family" as it relates to the Parish subsidy. It was decided that the Commission will collect information on how other Parishes define "Active Family" and handle this issue. Greg Dant, Bessie Davey, Mike Croddy and Cheryl McAllen will inquire of the various Deanery Parishes and the Commission will discuss once we receive the information. This subject will be combined with the enrollment issue and resolved by that time.

At this time Bessie Davey discussed the Special Needs issues at the school. She is forming an information Committee to determine the facilities requirements of the State, the cost for a teacher, the equipment and costs, etc.

The Commission then talked about the School Trip policy. It decided to maintain the one-day trip policy for the time being. The Commission will continue to monitor.

Next, it was decided that all officers will be discerned at next month's meeting.

The Commission next discussed the potential uses for the bus barn. There is a committee being formed to discuss recommendations. They want a representative from the Commission. Bill Hampton volunteered to be the representative.

Next, it was reported that Father did a survey to get ideas on how to make the Middle School better. He asked that the Commission review the results. The results will be reviewed. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the School Commission will vigorously pursue hiring a Religion teacher for the Middle School for the 2004-2005 School Year.

Next, the Commission discussed the Protocol Policy. That policy was approved by the Commission back in December, but not officially documented in the minutes of any meeting of the Commission. The Secretary

will draft a Written Consent in Lieu of a Meeting of the School Commission and have the document published out with the minutes on the St. Jude website.

Next, Mr. Swhear reported on the Technology Committee. It is still a challenge to keep committed members on the Committee. The Committee is experimenting with various methods of scheduling to draw the most attendance.

Next, the Commission discussed the Marketing Committee. It is believed that the Walkathon proceeds are going to tuition assistance. Bessie will check to see for sure.

Next, Mr. Sahm reported on the Finance Committee. The Commission will review the budget at next month's meeting. We may have a tuition figure at that time.

There was no report on the Membership Committee.

Next, Sister James Michael gave the Principal's report to the Commission. She reported that the Emergency hookup to Perry Township has been tested. The walkie talkies have been ordered for communication throughout the school in the event of a power failure. Steps are being discussed with the faculty and staff regarding the Middle School and opportunities to improve the problems there.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the fifth grade, the faculty and the administration are hereby commended and recognized for achieving over a 90% pass rate in Science on the most recent ISTEP examination.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 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 9:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Swhear
Secretary