

St Jude School Commission Minutes of the Meeting Held April 12, 2005

The St. Jude School Commission (the "Commission") met on April 12, 2005. The following members of the Commission were present, constituting a quorum: Greg Dant, Chairman; Paul Sahn, Vice-Chairman; Sr. James Michael, Ex-Officio Member and Administrative Officer; Michael Croddy, Member; John Swhear, Member; Bessie Davey, Member; and, Cheryl McAllen, Secretary.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:06pm. He recognized Sister James Michael who provided an opening prayer.

The minutes from the previous meeting of the Commission, held on March 8, 2005, having been previously distributed to the members of the Commission, were approved with corrections by voice vote.

The Chairman opened with the subject of a mentor program for new school families. The PTO has an established program. Sister will be meeting with the new PTO President and will discuss the program with her then. The Commission would like to see this program continue with the Kindergarten families included.

The Commission then moved to the topic of air quality in the school building. The air flow systems have been updated so that they will bring air into the school and return air out. The electronic equipment still needs to be added to the dampers so that the air flow can be electronically controlled and we don't see significantly higher utility bills. The Board of Health (BOH) made another visit and the air quality is as it should be. The BOH is in process of sending a final letter stating that all air quality issues have been resolved.

The next item of business was the proposed by-laws changes that support discerning officers each year. The Commission unanimously approved the changes.

Current

Article IV, Section 2:

Officers of the SC shall have a one-year term. No officer may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Proposed

Article IV, Section 2:

Officers of the SC shall have a one-year term.

Next, the Commission reviewed and approved the proposed budget. This budget requires a slight increase in tuition fees, but accomplishes two of the three goals for the 2005-2006 school year. The goals accomplished with this budget are continuing designated aspects of the TAP program (e.g., full-time music and art teachers, retaining classroom assistants, etc.), and properly funding the technology program. The only short-term goal not achieved with this budget is establishment of a foreign language program.

The Commission then moved into Committee Reports. The Finance Committee update was previously covered in the budget discussion. Mr. Swhear provided an update from the Technology Committee. The PTO has funds available that will be used to purchase four new computers. Mrs. McAllen provided an update from the Membership Committee. Four people will be interviewed and the discernment process will be completed by May for the two openings on the Commission beginning July 1st. Mr. Hampton provided an update from the Facility Committee. A proposal for the bus barn has been submitted to the Parish Council for consideration. Mr. Croddy provided an update from the Safety Committee. He is developing a trip report from the Safety in Schools conference he attended and preparing the norm for review at the May meeting.

Sister James Michael then gave the Principal's report to the Commission.

There being no further business before the Commission, there was a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded, and the Commission adjourned at 9:19p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl McAllen
Secretary