

St Jude School Commission Minutes of the Meeting Held November 22, 2005

The St. Jude School Commission (the "Commission") met on November 22, 2005. The following members of the Commission were present, constituting a quorum: Greg Dant, Chairman; Sr. James Michael, Ex-Officio Member and Administrative Officer; John Hovanec, Member; Mary Ann Chamberlin, Member; Julie Molloy, PTO President; and, John Swhear, Member. Also present was MaryBessie Davey, former Member and Chairperson of the Special Needs Committee.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:02pm. He recognized Sister James Michael who provided an opening prayer.

The minutes from the previous meeting of the Commission, held on October 11, 2005, having been previously distributed to the members of the Commission, were approved with by voice vote without modification.

Next, the Commission discussed the modifications to the Bylaws. It was decided to defer discussion to the next meeting. Mary Ann will provide the Chairman with any modifications that she has via e-mail.

At this time Commission discussed the purchase of walkie-talkies for the school's security program. Paul Sahn was not in attendance to present the proposal. So, the Commission approved the purchase pending approval of Paul Sahn and the PTO.

The next item for discussion was security needs for 2006-2007. Since Michael Croddy was not in attendance, it was decided to defer this discussion to the next meeting of the Commission.

Next, the Commission discussed School goals for 2006 – 2007. Each member was asked to begin thinking about prioritizing goals as distributed at a previous meeting of the Commission. If members have individual budget questions as they relate to goals, they can forward those questions directly to Paul Sahn. Sister will check with the Principal of St. Philip regarding some sort of teacher-share possibilities as it relates to foreign language instruction. This issue will be pursued in further depth at the next meeting of the Commission.

Next, Julie Malloy and Bessie Davey gave a report of the Special Needs Committee. They reported that there is an IRT night schedule for December 19, the proceeds of which will be directed to the special needs program. One company is doing their company Christmas Party at the event. The St. Barnabas Men's Club has donated \$500 to the cause. Everyone is asked to talk up the event to increase ticket sales. Bessie also reported that there is a small committee to discuss technical issues and what is available, funding and otherwise. This committee will check with Roncalli and Cathedral and get information regarding their programs. Ms. Davey also came in and spoke with the teachers about the subject. They shared their comments with her. Bessie will also check with the downtown Archdiocese office to determine if any money has been set aside by them for these programs. The committee needs to get a handle on the budget issues. Ms. Davey will go with the Chairman to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the committee's efforts.

Next, the Commission discussed the School tuition policy. Ms. Chamberlin offered some modifications to the policy. She will modify offline and send to Cheryl McAllen, who will distribute to the members.

Next, the Chairman reported that the North gate has been repaired. He also reported that Cindy Lynch noted that the St. Jude statue out front of the School has a broken neck. The Eighth Grade will be purchasing a new statue.

The Chairman also notified the Commission that its date for presentation and snacks/desserts is February 1, 2006. Ms. Chamberlin, Ms. McAllen and the Chairman will serve and provide a presentation to the group.

Because Mr. Sahm was not in attendance, it was decided to defer the discussion about the 2006-2007 budget until next meeting.

John Swhear updated the Commission on the activities of the Technology Committee. A report was distributed before the meeting to all members. There were no other committee reports.

Sister James Michael gave the Principal's report to the Commission. She reported that grades 6, 7 and 8 will attend the Promise to Keep program. NWEA testing will be completed Monday, November 21. Parent/Student/Teacher conferences went well October 18 and 19. Grandparents Day was held November 4 and was very well attended. Many grandparents expressed that they liked coming in the morning rather than the afternoon. The eighth graders will shadow at Roncalli on November 18. Thanksgiving baskets are being prepared for 19 families. They will be delivered on November 22. Jane Pollard will be the guest speaker at the next faculty meeting. The School will sponsor the Candlelight Vigil on December 7. Finally, Sister Nicollet will speak to the 5th graders on December 1 about vocations.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2006 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 8:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Swhear
Member