

## **St Jude School Commission Minutes of the Meeting Held January 10, 2006**

The St. Jude School Commission (the "Commission") met on January 10, 2006. The following members of the Commission were present, constituting a quorum: Greg Dant, Chairman; Paul Sahn, Vice-Chairman; Cheryl McAllen, Secretary; Sr. James Michael, Ex-Officio Member and Administrative Officer; John Hovanec, Member; Mary Ann Chamberlin, Member; Michael Croddy, Member; Julie Molloy, PTO President; and, John Swhear, Member.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:04pm. He recognized Sister James Michael who provided an opening prayer.

The minutes from the previous meeting of the Commission, held on November 22, 2005, having been previously distributed to the members of the Commission, were approved with by voice vote with amendment.

Next, the Commission discussed the modifications to the Bylaws. The Commission agreed to an electronic vote. The Chairman will send the updated standing rules and bylaws to the Commission.

At this time Commission discussed the 2006-2007 goals for the school along with potential funding needs for those. The Commission voted to keep the student registration (book) fee at \$140 per student, the same as 2005-2006. The Commission also agreed at this time to move collection of Kindergarten tuition to the FACTS program. K-Care and After School Care payments are not eligible for collection via FACTS and will continue to be collected separate.

The Commission then discussed the progress of the Enhancement Program for St. Jude. Substantial funds have been collected to date for installation of an elevator and ramps at the school. The Commission agreed by majority vote to recommend to the Finance Committee and Parish Councils that we move forward with installation.

The updated Tuition Policy was distributed to all members. The policy will include a payment preference form to be returned with School Registration indicating which payment option, payment in full, monthly, or semi-annually, will be used.

The Commission then discussed open memberships for the 2006-2007 school year. Names of people showing interest via the Annual Appeal Stewardship cards have been given to Mrs. McAllen. Announcements for membership openings will be placed in the Parish Press and Church Bulletin.

Sister James Michael gave the Principal's report to the Commission. She reported that St. Jude finished in the top 5% for iSTEP testing with a score of 97.1%. Grades 5 and 6 scored a prefect 100 in English/LA and Math. The Commission approved a resolution commending the students, faculty, and parents of St. Jude School on an outstanding performance!

The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 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 9:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl McAllen  
Secretary

Gregory C. Dant  
St. Jude School Commission

Sr. James Michael Kesterson  
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January 23, 2006

Dear Sr. James Michael;

On behalf of the St. Jude School Commission, I would like to extend our hearty congratulations to the students, staff, administrator, volunteers, and parents of St. Jude School for your exceptional ISTEP test results. It gives us great pride to be affiliated with a school that has tested in the top 5% of schools in the State of Indiana.

These test results are a fitting tribute to the hard work and dedication of the many individuals that it takes to create the academic climate necessary to foster such performance. We are extremely blessed with hard working students, dedicated staff, a caring administrator, committed volunteers, and supportive parents.

Please share our congratulations with all of the groups mentioned above, as they each deserve this recognition for a job well done. Again, we are extremely proud of you all!

May God continue to bless your good efforts.

Kind regards,

Gregory C. Dant/Chairman  
St. Jude School Commission

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