

St Jude School Commission Minutes of the Meeting Held February 14, 2006

The St. Jude School Commission (the "Commission") met on February 14, 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; John Swhear, Member; Julie Molloy, PTO President; Bessie Davey, Enhancement Committee Chairperson; Sandee and Todd Schultheis, parents.

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 as submitted by voice vote.

Next, the Commission approved modification to the Bylaws and Standing Rules. Mrs. Chamberlin will correct some of the grammar and provide to the Chairman. The Chairman will then submit them to Father Steve for his approval.

At this time the Commission reviewed the draft budget for the 2006-2007. The Commission approved a Kindergarten tuition rate for families that are active parishioners as defined by the School Family Stewardship Policy and a higher Kindergarten tuition rate for inactive or non-parishioner families. These will now move on to the Finance Committee and Parish Councils for approval. An increase in tuition for grades 1-8 will be needed to balance 2006-2007 school budget before adding any additional items that need funding. Capital improvements for the school during the 2006-2007 school year must also be included in the budget. Mr. Sahn will continue to work on a draft budget as final salary and benefit increase amounts become available from the Archdiocese.

The Commission then heard from Mrs. Davey regarding the progress of the Enhancement Committee. The Enhancement Committee is approaching their work in three phases. Phase I consists of making the school handicap accessible. Phase II is hiring a resource teacher to address the needs of students currently enrolled in St. Jude. Phase III addresses expanding the program. The Enhancement Committee has raised a substantial amount of money for Phase I and work to install the elevator and ramps will begin in early April. The Enhancement Committee now recommends moving onto Phase II and asks that the Commission include adding a Resource teacher in the 2006-2007 school budget.

Next, the Commission identified that the potential impacts to the school of the shifting date for Kindergarten enrollment need to be identified and addressed once the budget cycle for this year is complete. For 2006-2007, a child must be five years old before August 1st to enroll in Kindergarten. In two years (2008-2009), this date will move once again to September 1st.

The Technology Committee Chairman, Mr. Swhear, then presented a recommendation to purchase two printers and network switches. One would be used by Sister and would accommodate her confidentiality needs for items she prints. The second would be a pooled printer located in an area not currently served by a pooled printer. The Commission approved this purchase.

Mr. Croddy, Safety Committee Chairman, then presented the Safety Committee recommendations for the school. The highest priority safety need is to have the main entrance secured and persons identified before admission is allowed. The second priority is to remove the blinds in the school office that obstruct the view of the parking lots and do not allow for those inside to see who is approaching the school. The Safety Committee recommends the blinds be replaced with window tinting. The third priority is to install

surveillance equipment for the school perimeter. Mr. Croddy will work with Mr. Sahm to research costs for the equipment to secure the main entrance.

Sister James Michael gave the Principal's report to the Commission. There are two benchmarks required for NCA Accreditation. The NWEA will be conducted in March as the second benchmark. This has been funded by Perry Township. However, this is the last year for that funding so consideration for next year needs to be given to what testing that will be used for benchmarks and the cost of those.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 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