

**St Jude School Commission
Minutes of the Meeting Held
February 19, 2007**

The St. Jude School Commission (the "Commission") met on February 19, 2007 due to weather. The following members of the Commission were present, constituting a quorum: Cheryl McAllen, Chairperson; Mary Ann Chamberlin, Vice-Chairperson; John A. Hovanec, Secretary; Sr. James Michael, Ex-Officio Member and Administrative Officer; Michael Croddy, Member, and Kathleen Fluke, Member.

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. She recognized Mr. Hovanec who provided an opening prayer.

The minutes from the previous meeting of the Commission held on January 9, 2007 were approved, having been previously distributed to the members of the Commission.

Mr. Croddy presented two estimates for installation of a security door, i.e. Tinder and Koorsen. The Commission approved the funds for the security door installation and will defer to Bill Sanders choice of either Tinder or Koorsen. The Commission will ask the Men's Club to pay for one-half of the security door costs.

2007-2008 Kindergarten and Grades 1-8 tuitions will be determined at subsequent meetings upon receipt of necessary financial information. Sister advised that all staff members, but one, have indicated their desire to return the following academic year.

Mrs. McAllen and Mrs. Wooldridge updated the Commission on the status of the Special Needs/Reach Program. There are currently 17-18 students in the Reach Program. The Commission emphasized its previously discussed intent that the Reach Program would not accept any new special needs students for a two year period, but agreed that the St. Jude Reach Program Policy ultimately governed the issue. Physical restraints, medical, educational and legal issues are still concerns to the expansion of the Reach Program.

Charlotte Schutz and Kim Elam advised the Commission the first Kindergarten pre-registration/assessment meeting with the incoming children's families went well. They discussed the new age law changes and their concern over the issue of age vs. maturity regarding the admission of children into Kindergarten. They will further monitor the effects in which the new law changes have with the admission of children into Kindergarten, and if necessary, reevaluate the need for a Kindergarten admission school policy.

Mrs. Chamberlin has investigated ISPD, a Louisiana marketing research firm, and will continue to update the Commission.

Mrs. McAllen intends to begin new member discernment in April.

Father ratified the previously proposed changes to Bylaws IV and V.

Mrs. Rohrman provided the Commission her PTO report outlining what the PTO has completed in the past month, their current agenda items and upcoming events which includes the Walk-A-Thon on April 20 and new board member elections and budget approval on April 12.

Sister informed the Commission that the make-up days due to weather will be on May 29, 30, and half-day on the 31st; registration for new families will take place February 27; Homework Watcher successfully notified parents of school closing and delays due to weather; Sister completed her midyear assessment; Mrs. Jill Schultz and Mrs. Meisberger will be recognized for their years of teaching on March 5 at the Teachers Excellence in Education dinner at Primo's.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. There being no further business before the Commission, there was a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded, and the Commission adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Hovanec
Secretary