

St. Paul School
Genesee Depot, Wisconsin
School Board Meeting
Minutes
March 10, 2008

Present: Fr. Ralph Gross, Beth McFadzen, Linda Cooney, Carol Kinney, Lillian Miller (representing Parish Council), Kris Tontis, Mike Schmidt, Cindy Gaudion, Robin Gedney, Barb Romanello (representing the Faculty), Michele Varick, Jim Vavra (member of the public) and Lynn Zach (member of the public)

Excused: Dave Tomasiewicz

Chairperson, Beth McFadzen, called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Call to approve February's minutes by Anne Brockel. Kris Tontis seconded.

Public Comments:

- A letter was read from a school parent who was unable to attend, but on the Agenda. The letter expressed the hope to have the Spanish program to continue at St. Paul's. She questioned what will determine whether or not St. Paul's has a Spanish program next year.

Old Business

- **Science Lab Proposal**
Member of the Public, Jim Vavra shared three proposals for a Science Lab. The concern of losing classroom space for Religious Education was discussed. The consultant who prepared the plans suggested that if the lab had to be a multipurpose classroom, that it be only used for adult meetings. The chair motioned a vote to move forward with the Science Lab. A unanimous vote was taken. The next step will be to discuss space availability. Jim Vavra will meet with the Director of Religious Education to discuss. If space is not at issue, he will contact the donor to discuss the three different options. Plans will have to go to Parish Council for final approval.
- **Parish Goal Discussion**
Mike Schmidt has prepared a form letter that will go out to all School Board nominees one to two days following Nomination Sunday. He will also prepare a brief description of School Board to be included in the Bulletin. The committee will need to be prepared to follow up with phone calls after the letter has been sent.
- **Budget Discussion**
Currently 119 students are registered and have paid registration fees, 14 are registered but fees not paid, and 11 have not sent in a registration at

all. Stewardship for 2008/09 is down from 07/08 by \$5184. A budget was prepared using 130 students, a 5% tuition increase, and leaving all existing programs in place and no faculty/staff raises. This proposed a deficit of \$65, 122. Administrative Services is meeting and is aware of budget deficit.

Enrollment for Kindergarten is nine students. A parish wide mailer was sent out this week to 52 potential Kindergarteners to come tour our school. Follow-up phone calls will be made this week to see if there is any interest.

New Business

- **Handbook Review**
Additions/corrections/deletions to current handbook pages 1-20 were discussed and noted.
- **Review progress toward current goals**
Chairperson read all 2007-2008 goals. Improvements with communications have been noted: website, Monthly Newsletter. Spring brainstorming session will be on Thursday, May 8th. The goal for a K4 Program for the 2008-09 school year has been tabled.

Committee Reports

- **Building and Grounds**
No Report
- **Middle School**
Anne Brockel reported on the successful Rec Night, 54 in attendance included 5th graders this time. She has determined that eight chaperones works well. The date for our next Middle School Rec Night has not been determined. There will **not** be a Rec Night on March 15th. Due to the upcoming Easter vacation, the Student Council dance in April and the Father/Daughter Dance in April, our next Middle School Rec Night will probably be scheduled sometime near the end of April.
The **GIVE STRONG** service club will begin this month. **GIVE STRONG** is a service club open to middle school students, grades 6th through 8th, attending St. Paul School. Our goal for 2007-2008 is to complete one service project by the end of this school year.
- **Marketing/Communication**
Yard signs- have quotes and contacts, like to use it next year
Tours: are to start early next month.
Robin and Andrea went to the Arch Marketing meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 15th at St. Joan's.
All Catholic School families stood and were acknowledged at CSW masses

Catholic Knights-Fish Fry, they will provide Napkins, Placemats, min. of 5 helpers, send invited to their members to come, will match funds btwn \$300-500. March 14th fish fry, it is Home and School. Approved by FFC. Was asked and suggested that the money go to Home and School. Going to meet with Bill this week to develop year long Marketing Plan with a budget. He has been busy with the Auction. Info from last SB meeting was put into the Newsletter.

- **Home & School Report**

- This Friday, March 14th is a Home & School Fish Fry. We are still short volunteers, especially for clean up. It has been difficult getting volunteers because this is our second Fish Fry, plus Athletics had there's not too long ago.
- We are planning a Brewer event in which Knights of Columbus will pay us \$4.00 for each ticket purchased by our school. The date is Saturday, May 10th. So far we have about 30 people signed up.
- The Third Grade was the winner of February's Featured Fundraiser contest. They collected the most used cell phones and used inkjet cartridges. This month's contest is Milk Caps.
- Guest Speaker Dave Durand is set for Sunday, April 13th following the 10:00am mass. The topic is "The Courage to Lead; Brave Parenting in a Coward's World". We will start promoting this event in the next week or so. Please be sure to spread the word. This is a parish wide event.
- Father/Daughter Dance is set for Friday, April 11th from 6:30-9:30pm. Still trying to possibly coordinate a Mother/Son event; open to any suggestions.
- Currently seeking nominations for President Elect and Treasurer for the 2008-2009 school year. Both positions are two-year terms.
- We are in the process of finalizing our budget as we have been notified of Home & School's profits from the dinner auction (\$5500)

- **Character Formation Committee**

- No Report

Principal/Teacher Report

- **Mrs. Romanello**

- Iowa Basics Testing began last week; Grade 7 has finished.
- Expressed teachers' concerns/hopes that programs will not be cut next school year.
- Faculty would like to meet with potential Principal candidates. Chair noted that this would not be part of the hiring process.

- Lenten projects include money donations for Guatemala, layette donations for Heavenly Babies.
- **Ms. Cooney**
 - Funds for food for Guatemala are at approximately \$800.
 - Middle School will be served a typical meal served in Guatemala on Friday, March 14th. This will also include a presentation from our Human Concerns committee.
 - Final collections for LAYETTES is this week.
 - All grades are praying the Rosary with their Buddy Classmates
 - Stations of the Cross each Friday afternoon
 - Passion Play will be Wednesday, March 19th at 1:30pm
 - Teacher In-service on Wednesday, March 12th
 - Exit Expectations Curriculum alignment and assessment
 - Professional Development Plans
 - Science Curriculum being reviewed for experiments/supplies
 - All school read-a-thon was held last week
 - Civic Oration judging Tuesday, March 11th. 12 finalists to go to the next school level on March 18th. St. Paul's will host the District Contest on April 15th
 - Earth Day field trip to Seno Center in Burlington.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Robin Gedney, seconded by Mike Schmidt
Meeting adjourned 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Varick, substituting for Dave Tomasiewicz, Secretary