

St. Lawrence School Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2008

Members Present: Thom Blondell, Tony Bagshaw, Colleen Pope, Karen Packard, Julie Mattlin, Dave McNally, Tracy Boone

Members Absent: Connie Leyendecker, Bob Morgan

Ex-Officio Members Present: Sr. Mary Cecile

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Fr. Joe Feltz, Dena Steiner

Tony Bagshaw read a letter that Fr. Joe had left for the members regarding his absence and discussion with the Youth Minister.

I. Colleen Pope led the Commission in an opening prayer.

Meeting called to order ay 6:35 pm in the lower level of St. Lawrence Church

II. Principals Report: attached

III. Financial Report:

Julie Mattlin reported that the November numbers have been booked and everything looks "ok".

Registrations for the 2008-2009 school year are due by February 15.

Tracy Boone reported that the Fish Fry is offering new menu items and raffling a Bengal's Fat Head.

Information regarding Night in the Tropics fundraiser has been sent out.

Thirty seven students auditioned for *Godspell*.

No additional fundraising will be done until after the Fish Fry and Night in the Tropics.

Julie present the Commission with an estimate from Hi-Tech Computer Solutions to convert to a wireless system thus making available a classroom. Estimated cost: \$30,000.00 - \$40,000.00.

Dearborn County Grant funds would be used to pay for conversion (100%).

IV. Nuts-n-Bolts:

Space discussion continued. Tony expressed interest in the Zion Church on Walnut Street which he noticed has classroom space. Sister suggested speaking with Jim and/or Sue Allender who attend that church also. A question arose regarding criteria used for admission, i.e. parishioner, sibling, etc. Discussion turned to two issues brought up by a Commission member: Why does there appear to be no consistency in enforcement of the handbook (hair length for boys, uniforms) and why are students given demerits for not having a passing test signed. The Commission will work to sure up the policies in the handbook. The Commission will work on an enhanced survey which will be a tool for

long term use at St. Lawrence. Discussion focused on tailoring the survey to specific grade-related issues which were noted on spring 2007 surveys. A summary of last survey results will be sent to parents. Confirmation was brought up as a bullet point on new surveys. Discussion followed regarding absence of Confirmation as part of the curriculum.

Sister Mary Cecile invited all to attend a “pitch-in” dinner and to hear a talk for teens on Pope John Paul’s Theology of the Body which will be Sunday February 24. She left the meeting at 7:20.

Dave McNally asked the Commission to renew ‘Partners in Faith’. Tracy Boone made a motion to approve and Colleen Pope seconded the motion. Commission unanimously approved.

V. Next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2008 at 6:30 pm.

VI. Colleen Pope led the Commission in a closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

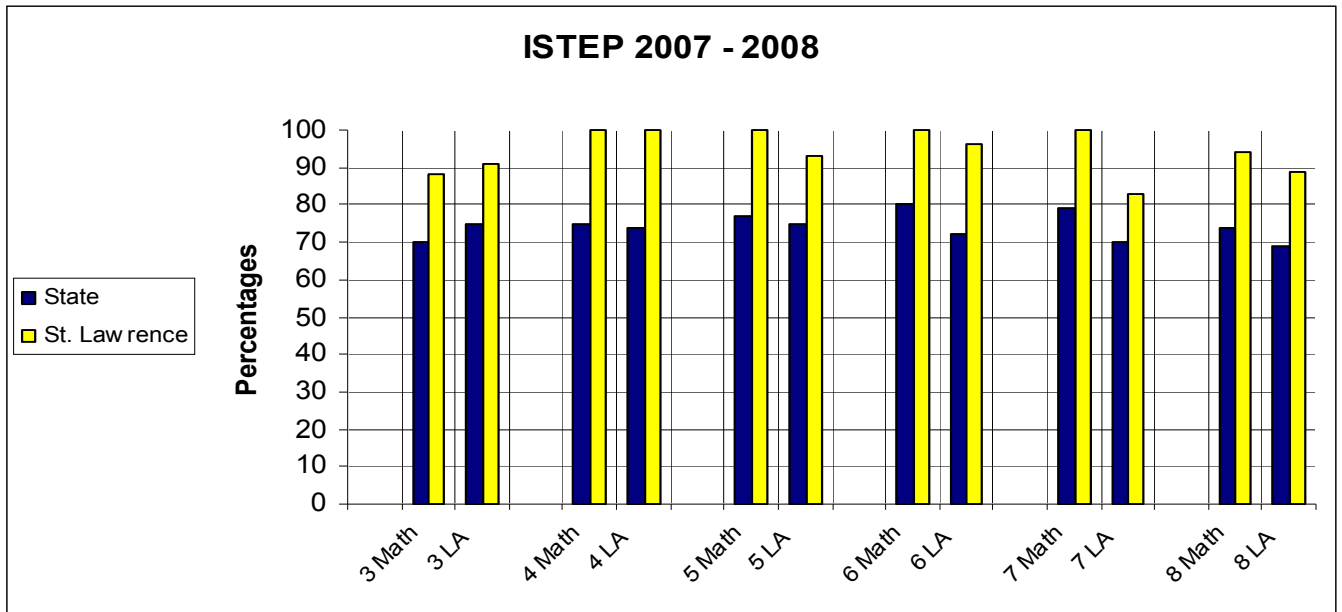
Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Pope
Secretary
February 15, 2008

**February School Commission Report
February 5, 2008**

- I. Modularity: I have spoken with Joe Peters concerning our need to learn about modulars. He has passed the message on to Eric Atkins from the Office of Management Services (Building Commission). If a school or church in the archdiocese has a modular that they are getting rid of, he will let me know.

- II. ISTEP



- III. Kindergarten/New Student Registration – February 20, 2008 is from 6:00 to 8:00. There will be teachers present to take families on a tour of the building and to answer any questions the parents may have.

- IV. Registration forms have been sent home to all of the parents. The registration form and \$150.00 registration fee are due by February 15th. Parents who turn them in by that date will receive free school supplies again this year. I am doing registration earlier this year because it is important that I know how many of our current students will be returning next year. I have had several phone calls concerning 1st grade and it is a possibility that class will close.