

St. Lawrence School Commission Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2008

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

Members Absent: Tony Bagshaw, Connie Leyendecker

Ex-Officio Members Present: Fr. Joe Feltz, Sr. Mary Cecile, Dena Steiner

PTO Representative: Kathy Mapes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 in the lower level of St. Lawrence Church.

I Tracy Boone led the commission in an opening prayer.

II School Report: attached

Dena – please fill in what you deem pertinent regarding asbestos

III Financial Report – Julie Mattlin

To date, we are tracking to the budget. November figures do not appear on the current report; therefore we will see a doubling in December.

The “Polynesian Night” is scheduled for March 8, 2008. Information should be forthcoming. Karen Packard reported that the “Shamrock” money from bingo is not yet being separated due to the lack of weekly profit.

A replacement needs to be found for Joey Lynch who currently obtains the door prizes for bingo each week.

IV. Outstanding space issues

Fr. Joe stated that no proposals were made regarding the lack of classroom space at the December Parish Council meeting. No Parish Council member has a student at St. Lawrence School. Fr. Joe also stated that there will probably not be a Catholic high school in Dearborn County nor a school at St. Teresa in Bright in the foreseeable future.

Fr. Joe will not make a decision about St. Lawrence School utilizing the Youth Room as an additional classroom until he speaks with the youth minister and Ron Younger. Fr. Joe stated that the room is used every Sunday.

Fr. Joe told the Commission that the Archdiocese has placed a moratorium on capital fundraising until October 2010.

The Commission discussed the possibility of going “wireless” which could free up the computer lab to be converted to a classroom. The cost for a mobile cart was thought to be \$24,000.00. Julie will get an estimate from Andy Magee.

The space between the church and school cannot be used due to the underground utilities and other concerns.

Dena will contact the Archdiocese Office of Catholic Education and other area principals about the trailers.

St. Lawrence owns the property to the fence on the south side of the new expansion.

V. SMART Goals Discussion tabled until the February meeting.

Sister Mary Cecile reported that a mandatory program for parents of First Communicants will be held on January 16 and repeated January 29.

Sister asked that the School Commission push interest in the upcoming high school retreat.

Fr. Joe, Sister Mary Cecile, and Dena left the meeting at 7:00.

The Commission members had a group discussion.

Tracy Boone led the Commission in a closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Pope
Secretary
January 13, 2008

**January School Commission Report
January 8, 2008**

- I. Over Christmas break some of the walls in Hartzler Hall as well as touch ups done throughout the school. The downstairs boy's bathroom was also repainted. All of this was done by Gene Tibbetts. Mr. Tibbetts and Linda Cox also washed and waxed all of the floors and stairs during Christmas break.

There has been a ventilation system installed in the downstairs restrooms, which has eliminated the musty odor.

The ramp leading into the gymnasium will be redone at no cost to the school. This will be done by JP Flooring, which is the same company who did the ramp leading to Hartzler Hall. There was a minor problem with the ramp, which has been fixed, and the trade off was to redo the other ramp, free of cost.

The plumbing issue in the oldest part of the building has been resolved for now; at a cost of \$1500. While that is a lot of money, it could have been much more had they had to fix it by digging into the parking lot. While fixing the initial problem, the plumber from Hirt + Ellco did look at the rest of the plumbing under the school building. I was lucky enough to stand there and see inside of ALL the exiting plumbing as well. Based on what he saw he thinks that it will not be very long before we have more plumbing problems.

- II. I am currently looking for a substitute teacher to replace Mrs. Vollmer. She will be taking her maternity leave mid-April. An ad should appear in the bulletin this weekend and run until I hire someone.

III. ISTEP	State	St. Lawrence	State Non Public
3 rd LA	75%	91%	89%
Math	70%	88%	81%
4 th LA	74%	100%	89%
Math	75%	100%	87%
5 th LA	75%	93%	90%
Math	77%	100%	90%
6 th LA	72%	96%	88%
Math	80%	100%	91%
7 th LA	70%	83%	90%
Math	79%	100%	92%
8 th LA	69%	89%	89%
Math	74%	94%	89%