

St. Lawrence School Commission Minutes
July 8, 2008

Members Present: Colleen Pope, Tracy Boone, Dave McNally, Jon Lehn, Julie Mattlin, Connie Leyendecker

Members Absent: Tony Bagshaw, Thom Blondell, Bob Morgan

Ex-Officio Members Present: Dena Steiner, Sister Mary Cecile

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Fr. Joe

PTO Members Present: Becki Barga, Jodi Reinshagen, Debra Valvano

I. The Commission prayed together to open the meeting which was called to order at 6:35 pm in the lower level of St. Lawrence Church.

II. Jon Lehn was introduced and welcomed as the newest member of the school commission.

PTO President Becki Barga stated that several PTO fundraisers are in need of chairs for the upcoming school year: SCRIPS, Bowling Night, Magazine Sale, Rummage Sale and the spring fundraiser (formerly Mardi Gras/Night in the Tropics).

The volunteer “coupons” should be returned by August 20th. They will be included in the student packets which will be available in the back of church the first weekend in August.

PTO wants to recognize great volunteers.

PTO wants volunteer logs maintained to track hours. A reminder will be sent by Colleen Pope if a parent misses a scheduled day.

Julie Mattlin requested that a representative from PTO attend the school commission meetings.

III. School report:

Dena Steiner reported that enrollment currently stands at 286 but could expand.

There are 43 students in the first grade.

Mrs. Pruss will take maternity leave in December.

Mrs. Busha took a job at another school. Dena has hired a new music teacher, Krissty Monning.

The faculty retreat is August 11 at Oldenburg Academy.

Changes to the student handbook: boys hair must be cut “at or above the collar” and all students hair must reflect “their own natural color”. Failure to comply with the uniform policy results in one demerit per day. Five uniform demerits will result in detention. Three behavioral demerits results in detention. Three detentions per quarter results in an “in-school suspension”. Three in-school suspensions will result in “out of school suspension”.

Detention will be after-school and students will not be permitted to help clean the school, assist the staff, or use it as a study period.

Cell phones are not to be used during school hours. Dena is aware that students have been “texting” during class periods. If a student is caught using their phone it will be taken from them.

The Archdiocese has altered their policy regarding medication at school. Medication can no longer be kept in the office for distribution. Dena has requested more information and clarification.

The students will be kept in the school building at dismissal and will be let out when their parent/carpool arrives at the door. The students will no longer be on the playground.

Dena is currently interviewing candidates for the latch-key position.

IV. Financials

Julie Mattlin reviewed the financials.

V. Survey:

Colleen Pope distributed a breakdown of responses to the survey. Forty-five surveys were returned (23%). Members were encouraged to read the surveys due to the number of subjective answers.

A letter will be sent home to families outlining the results soon after school resumes.

Tracy Boone asked the members if they were in favor of surveying the staff. The members agreed that this would be beneficial. A draft will be sent via e-mail to the commission to review.

VI. The commission prayed together to end the meeting which was adjourned at 8:00.

The next meeting is Tuesday August 5 at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Pope
July 19, 2008