

**ST. PATRICK PARISH EDUCATION COMMISSION**  
**UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 2009**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson, Ralph Willemin, called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m. Opening prayer was conducted by Ralph.

*Present:* Diane Bissell, Ken Cook, Mark Davis, Dan Lawless, George Rutherford, Ralph Willemin, Dave Zimmerman, Randy Hodge, Father Larry, Deacon Don

*Absent:* Deacon Don

- II. **REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

June minutes were approved as written.

- III. **REPORTS:**

**A. Principal:** Mr. Hodge reported that the maintenance crew has worked hard all summer and the school is ready to go. The gym floor was redone and the Shamrock repainted. Enrollment stands at 303 students and is still growing. Mr. Hodge hopes to enroll 310 students. Last year's enrollment was 304. Gayle Thelen has been hired to teach 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and Nicole Rynhard has been hired to teach high school math. Mr. Hodge is hoping to get laptops for all of the teachers. Latchkey, preschool and daycare have all been re-licensed. We will have JV and Varsity football this year; the program has a total of 30 kids. This year's Student Council president is Michelle Fox and the National Honor Society president is Aaron Klein. Tony Goodrich and Mike Fox have done an excellent job of creating a beautiful Father Flohe Foundation display outside the school office in the hallway leading to the gym. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders will begin Confirmation preparation in January. Confirmation will take place in the fall of their freshman year.

**B. Pastor:** Bishop Hurley is in the process of doing a thorough study of the diocese. He may want input from School Commission members. He is working on a plan to develop criteria for vital parishes and schools. This study is being done in sections. There is a parish proposal to have all primary commissions and ministries meet on the first Tuesday of the month, beginning with Mass at 6 pm. The parking lot by the Administration Building will soon be expanded and the lot between the school and church will be striped.

**C. Pastoral Associate:** Absent

**D. Chairperson:** The annual meeting with the Portland Public School Board will take place in October; it is our turn to host the event. In addition there will be two dinner meetings throughout the year to give each other updates. Ralph asked that commission members make a point of making one of the two dinner meetings. Ralph stated he would check with the business manager and get numbers concerning the Alumni Fund fundraiser. Discussion followed regarding levels and caps of the Alumni Fund. Catholic Schools Week breakfast and the Shamrock Scholar drawing will take place at the beginning of CSW this year, which is January 31<sup>st</sup>. The school open house will be held on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. The Athletic Association and School Commission will host a picnic at the grove on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in order to meet the parish staff and school staff and bring everyone together.

- IV. **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Fundraising:** There are only 15 subsidy positions remaining. Most of them are Fall Festival, Parish Festival and Assistant Athletic Director positions. Diane agreed to take charge of the Shamrock Scholar raffle again this year.

**B. Public Relations:** No Report

- V. **OLD BUSINESS:** Ken presented a plan for a raffle fundraiser that could potentially make \$40,000 for the school. Diane will check on legal details for licensing. Commission members agreed the fundraiser is an excellent idea. It was also agreed the Shamrock Promise and the nine-week plan would be implemented during the 2010 school year.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:** None
- VII. **CLOSING PRAYER/ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 8:10 pm with prayer by Ralph.  
Next meeting: September 1, 2009      Opening Prayer: Dan      Closing Prayer: George