

ST. PATRICK PARISH SCHOOL COMMISSION
UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES
November 3, 2009

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Deacon Don called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm Communion Service.

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

- II. **REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** October minutes were reviewed.

III. **REPORTS:**

A. **Principal:** Report submitted. Mr. Hodge was absent due to volleyball tournaments.

B. **Pastor:** Absent

C. **Pastoral Associate:** Absent

D. **Chairperson:** Reviewed overnight field trip procedures. Suggestions were made. Three science candidates have been interviewed with two to go. A decision will be made on Friday. November 18th is the joint dinner with the PPS school board. Let Ralph know by the end of the week if you plan to attend. All committees/commissions are being asked to take a turn at organizing a Lenten Soup Suppers. This group will volunteer for the February 19th supper. Dr. Bernier e-mailed us and said he would love to come here for free.

IV. **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. **Fundraising:** No report.

B. **Public Relations:**

Ionia Sentinel Standard: An article geared toward the high school will be in the newspaper this weekend.

Banners and Signs: Instead of the banners, the committee is talking about using yard signs. Some would like a new title for the "Try Us You'll Like Us" promotion.

V. **OLD BUSINESS:**

25 Large: Ken reported that some people have sold all their tickets. There are 1,100 tickets remaining to be distributed with 2,400 already distributed. Discussion followed regarding how to distribute the remaining tickets. A letter will go out to parents informing them the Shamrock Scholar raffle will be cancelled this year because of the 25 Large raffle. An announcement will also be placed in the church bulletin. Tickets will be sold in the back of church this weekend. Ken has a sales contest each month.

Diocesan Meeting: Dave and Ralph are going to the Diocesan meeting tomorrow night. Strengths are consistent and plentiful. Opportunities and weaknesses were discussed.

Other: The commission discussed the possibility of getting interested high school students to write sports articles for the newspaper. This may appeal to students interested in journalism. The commission also discussed a program that would offer every junior, the summer before their senior year, an internship in their areas of interest. The program might possibly include employer mentoring throughout the school year.

Adjourned at 7:40 pm with prayer by Dave. Next meeting is December 1st. Diane will have the ending prayer.

Principal's Report

1. Congratulations to the 5th/6th grade, 7th/8th grade, junior varsity, and varsity football teams for their hard work this season. It was an important year for the program as we build to support and sustain teams at all levels.
2. Congratulations to the 7th and 8th grade girl's basketball teams on their seasons.
3. Teachers (and the principal) are using the new lap tops. They are very nice and the staff is quite pleased with them. We are working out minor kinks at this time.
4. Pay it Forward Day and Hoops for Heart will be held on October 30 (weather permitting).
5. Now that we have the lap tops, the next technology goal is to continue working on getting multimedia projectors for each classroom. The goal is to have a projector in each classroom by the end of the 2010 – 11 school year.
6. Interviews for the vacant science position are scheduled for the week of October 26. We have four candidates as this time. The deadline to apply is October 30. We will conduct more interviews the week of November 2 if we have more candidates. We would like the new teacher to begin on Monday, November 9. Hank Knoop has agreed to fill in as a long term substitute until the 9th.
7. High School Retreat Day is schedule for Wednesday, November 4. 9th grade students will attend retreat at Aquinas College. 10th and 11th grade students will attend the NET retreat at the Grand River Conservation Club and the 12th grade students will attend a retreat at the Dewitt Retreat Center.
8. I will attend a CMAC superintendents meeting on Monday, November 2 at Fowler. If there any important items that come from this meeting, I can pass those on to School Commission members at a later date.
9. The varsity volleyball team begins play in the state tournament on Tuesday, November 3.
10. Behavior rubrics and overnight field trip rules are in the final stages of revision for the handbook.

