

**ST. PATRICK PARISH SCHOOL COMMISSION
UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2009**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Ralph called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Present: Diane Bissell, Ken Cook, Dan Lawless, Ralph Willemin, Dave Zimmerman, Randy Hodge

Absent: George Rutherford, Mark Davis, Deacon Don, Father Larry

- II. **REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February minutes were approved

III. **REPORTS:**

A. Principal: Report submitted. Senior trip went well; had beautiful weather. Mr. Hodge will be certified as a Transportation Director on March 21.

B. Pastor: Absent

C. Pastoral Associate: Absent

D. Chairperson: See below

IV. **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Fundraising: (Dan Lawless) Athletic Association approved the merchant advertising for the baseball field. There are 14 tuition assistance positions remaining.

B. Public Relations: (Ken Cook/Ralph Willemin). PR will be running 4 ads in the *Review and Observer*. Working with Sts Peter and Paul to combine resources for Catholic Schools ads. We have been cleared by the SSPP principal to speak to the 7th and 8th graders. There was a suggestion to have a joint 8th grade party. School boards will get together in May.

A suggestion was made to hold a community information day on May 16th in order to promote the school. We will have good information available and it will be promoted through church bulletins. Father and Mr. Hodge must support and approve it.

PTO will be providing names of parents to be a source of contact for new parents. We have 8 new students this year. Enrollment is 311.

OLD BUSINESS:

25 Large: Need to make a push to sell 25 Large tickets.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Next year's freshman and sophomore classes will be locked in with tuition rates.

Middle school schedule will be on the high school schedule starting with the 2010-11 school year.

Need two new school board members beginning with the 2010-11 school year (3-year terms).

- VII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm with closing prayer by Diane.

Principal's Report for March

1. Spring pictures will take place on Friday, March 19. This is the last day of the third marking period. We will have an out of dress code day on the 19th.
2. Progress reports were mailed out on Friday, February 19.
3. The senior class had a great senior trip to Boyne. They enjoyed skiing, snowboarding, tubing, ice skating, and swimming.
4. The school's teacher committee has planned a number of "March is Reading Month" activities. These include a Big Rock/Little Rock door decorating contest, an elementary read-a-thon, time to drop everything and read (DEAR), mystery readers on the morning announcements, play your favorite board game that uses words, and the middle school will present a "Reader's Theatre."
5. All students will attend Stations of the Cross weekly during Lent. Students in odd numbered grades will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
6. The National Honor Society is hosting its second Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, March 4. Two National Honor Society students will receive a \$500.00 scholarship. This is in conjunction with a program the Red Cross has for school's that host at least two blood drives a year.
7. We had a great turnout for the pre-school, DK, and kindergarten open house on February 25.
8. The school play "May the Farce Be with You" is scheduled for the weekend of March 26 – 28.
9. A successful winter sports season will wrap up with the last boy's basketball game scheduled for Thursday, March 4. The girl's basketball team started tournament play on Monday, March 1 and the boys begin tournament play on Monday, March 8.
10. Mr. Hodge is scheduled to attend Mandatory Supervisor training on Monday, March 21 at the KISD. We must have a "transportation supervisor" to have a black on yellow school bus.
11. 4th grade students will attend "Songfest" at the Deltaplex in Grand Rapids with the rest of the 4th grade students in the Diocese of Grand Rapids on March 16. They will also visit the Gerald R. Ford Museum and eat at Applebees. Students from Pewamo St. Joseph and Ionia Sts. Peter and Paul will accompany our 4th grade students on this field trip.
12. Deacon Ralph Poyo will do a staff development on the evening of Thursday, March 25 from 3:45 – 7:00. Staff will be provided a light dinner. Staff will have the day off on Friday, March 26.
13. 2nd grade students will have a retreat on March 20 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in preparation for First Holy Communion.
14. Spring Break is scheduled for April 1 – 11.
15. 3rd and 4th grade classes took a field trip to the Capitol Building and the Michigan Historical Museum on Feb. 8.

16. The sophomores took the PLAN Test.
17. The Spanish and German clubs took fun trip to Pando Park to go tubing on February 27. They followed tubing up with a meal at Don Julio's restaurant on 28th street.
18. The winter sports banquet will be held on March 11 at the K of C Hall.
19. The National Honor Society induction ceremony will take place on March 18.