

SPX SCHOOL COMMISSION MINUTES

March 12, 2008

Attendance:

Ted Caron, Principal
Theresa Desautels, Assistant Principal
Caroline Doebbeling, At-Large Member
Mike Huntine, Chairman
Kriste Mossman, PTO Representative
Jenny Myers, Vice Chairman
Scott Nickerson, Finance Committee Rep.

Opening Prayer:

The meeting began with a prayer led by Kriste Mossman at 7:10pm

Minutes:

There were several changes necessary for the approval of the January meeting minutes. The corrected minutes will be approved by the executive committee and posted on Edline and the school website.

Institutional Goal:

Ted requested that discussion on the school's Institutional Goal be tabled due to the low attendance of commission members. Ted will prepare information on this to distribute to the commission prior to the May meeting.

PTO Update:

- The PTO will be voting to pull the SPXtras (school extracurricular activities) program under the PTO umbrella.
- Three iPods were purchased for the school along with the renewal of an audio books program currently being used.
- Seven teachers attended a professional development conference in March.
- The PTO hopes to financially support the new electronic student information system for the school.
- 2008-2009 budget suggestions are currently being accepted.
- Recent PTO events included the Hobby Show, Winter Carnival, Everybody Counts, and the Book Fair.
- Upcoming events include the 7th Grade Dad's Dinner, Flower Sale, and School Supply Sale.

Open House Update:

The school held its annual Open House on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 with approximately 40 families attending. About 13 new parishioner packets were distributed. Three families registered their child(ren), and one family has already started at the school. More registrations are expected as a direct result of the open house.

The commission would like to commend and thank Kriste Mossman, Amy Beausir, and Melinda Nash for their tremendous efforts given to organizing and executing the school's successful open house.

Exit Survey:

The commission has begun developing an exit survey for families leaving the school. Two samples were shared with the commission and discussion was held on the best tool to use. The purpose of the survey will be to allow families who have left the school an opportunity to provide feedback on their experiences and school performance. The letter to contact those families who have left the school will include a few general survey questions and offer the opportunity to meet or further discuss any issues or concerns.

Caroline Doebbeling offered to create a draft exit letter, which will be shared with the executive committee with the intent of a final program in place for approval at the May commission meeting.

The commission additionally recommends an annual survey of current school families in order to stay on top of school performance.

Principal Update:

A new student information system will be adopted by the school which will allow for unification of several current components and increased ease of use.

Ted has received feedback from a group of parents concerned about this year's changes to the middle school schedule. For next year, the school is looking to move toward more academic changes to the schedule.

Julie Cook is continuing to coordinate the school's enrichment program and looking to expand it to include 2nd grade reading as well as 3rd and 4th grade reading, writing, and math next year. Limited test scores (reading and ISTEP) are used to determine placement in the program. There is a fee to participate.

Closing Prayer:

Scott Nickerson led the group in closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm

Next Meeting: May 14, 2008