

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL BOARD OF EDUCATION

JUNE 4, 2009

I. OPENING PRAYER: TIM MORRIS

II. ROLL CALL: Lynn B, Gary S. Judy S. Angie S. Matt J.
Barb M. Father Mel, Tim M.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting by Gary S.

Motion seconded by Angie S. Motion approved

IV. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda with revisions by Matt J.

Motion seconded by Angie S. Motion approved.

V. Communications: None at this time.

VI. Comments from the floor:

Grandparents/ Parents Loren and Cindy Weller voicing concern about lack of supervision during lunch recess. Not enough parental supervision to cover the playground. Some days there has been no one show up to do playground duty. Need to have a better system in place so that this does not become more of a problem. Mr. Morris is well aware of the problem and will address with the incoming principal.

VII. Reports:

1. Principal Report:

Have hired a new principal for the next school year 09-10 Ms Julie Palmer. She visited the school today to introduce herself to the staff and parents. Was not able to attend tonight's board meeting. She will be back next week to go over the office duties with Tim

M. She has her packet and Letter of Understanding. Tim has chosen five teachers applications out of the many that have been received for the vacancy created by Patti Salka's retirement. Will start interviews next week along with two of the teachers Nicole Mosser and Brad Starks.

The teachers will also be attending a meeting at Portland St. Pat's entitled "Curriculum Crafters", on Monday morning.

The projected enrollment for next school year is up from this year. We have 16 students currently enrolled in kindergarten for next year with additional interest in our school but no official application of enrollment.

Patti's retirement party went very well last Saturday evening.

The accreditation report has been submitted the end of May was initially due April 1,09 but were granted an extension due to the change of Principals in March.

Fun day June 3rd at the Ionia Fair Grounds was a success with everyone having a great time.

All the teachers have received their evaluations; they are an excellent staff with no major concerns.

They have all received their Letters of Understanding for next school year with several of them already signed and returned.

The teachers will be receiving a 3% cost of living increase. Not as yet sure what the support staff will be receiving in the way of a cost of living raise.

The teachers' will be cleaning up their classrooms and wrapping things up for the summer next week.

2. Athletics:

A meeting was held last week for all interested coaches for the girls and boy's basketball teams. All three of the girls' coaches will be returning for next fall. Having some difficulty setting up a game

schedule as we are still one of the few schools that has not moved the girls basketball season to co inside with the boys season. Did not receive any interest in coaching for the boy's teams. There is also some question if we will have enough boys to establish teams. Know for sure that we will have a 3rd and 4th grade team. Not sure that there will be enough boys to create teams for the upper grade levels.

3. Strategic Planning Committee.

a. Marketing and Enrollment: Have several 4' x 8' yard signs ready to be placed in yards. Still looking for someone who lives to the west of town that would be willing to put up a sign in their yard. Pushing very hard to increase the awareness and interest in our school to increase enrollment.

Working on compiling an alumni registry not quite operational as yet.

b. Facilities: Have a washout under the sidewalk at the

Back of the school, unable to determine as yet where it is coming from. There is also some further playground equipment that needs to be put together. This is on hold until the wash out problem can be solved. Will also need to make sure that the area around the new equipment that was placed last year is well fertilized and maintained.

c. Policy: Nothing at this time

d. School Improvement: Nothing at this time.

e. Finance: Nothing to report at this time.

f. Technology: New technology fee has been added in addition to the book fee and tuition.

4. Auction: Attendance was down from last year but this was

Anticipated due to the problems with the economy.

Approximated profit is 32,000 dollars. Have a new chair

Person for next year and Angie will be co-chair.

Jason Lamoreaux has agreed to be the auctioneer for next

Year. The date for next years' auction is May 8, 2010.

5. Mardi Gras: Nothing to report at this time.

VIII. Action Items:

1. Set a date for the first meeting for the fall

Motion made by Barb M. To schedule the first meeting for Thursday September 14th @ 6:30 pm. Motion was seconded by Matt J. Motion approved.

2. Welcome Back Potluck for school staff.

Scheduled for Wednesday August 26th at 5 pm at the home of Barb Mulnix 2308 Kingston Farm Lane, Ionia, MI

Reminders will be sent out prior to this event.

3. School Open House for 2009-2010 School Year

No date has been set at this time. Will let the incoming Principal determine the date for this.

IX. Discussion Items:

1. Parishioner/ Non-parishioner:

Tim has spoken to other Catholic schools in our area to see how they address this issue: St. Charles in Greenville asks for at least a ten dollar donation in the collection every week.

Portland St. Pat's make no distinction between the two.

Currently we are asking for them to attend mass and at least place an envelope in the collection basket weather they put any money in the envelope or not.

Further discussion of this issue is tabled until next fall with the new Principal and Pastor.

2. Request was made to consider a modification to the current

Dress code policy to include plain navy or khaki jumpers for the younger grades instead of just the current plaid jumper.

No change was made in the current dress code policy. Can reopen at a later date.

X. Informational Items:

1. New Principal Ms Julie Palmer has been hired for the next school year.

2. Teacher work shop at Portland St. Pat's Monday June 8th
Curriculum Crafters.

3. Welcome Back Potluck Wednesday August 26th at 5:00 pm
At the home of Jim, Barb and McKayla Mulnix

XI. Executive Session: None held at this time

XII. Suggestions for Next Meeting:

1. Election of Officers

2. Schedule for Board of Education Meetings for the school year 09-10.

XIII. Closing Prayer: Father Mel

XIV. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Judy S. Motion seconded by Lynn B.

Motion approved. Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 PM