

ST. JAMES SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES – Jan. 8, 2008

In attendance: Brenda Reul, Angela Jones, Lynn Fieldhouse, Pam Murrer, Sean O'Connor, Daniel Smithson, Tom Schmitt

Meeting opened with the Lord's Prayer at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes from the November 13th meeting were approved.

New Business

Principal's Report

The fifth and eighth grade students will be taking the ACRE assessment in February which tests for knowledge of the Catholic faith.

Several events have been planned for Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 28 – Feb. 1): student jeopardy, talent show, non-uniform day. Teacher Appreciation will be celebrated that week also.

Conferences will be held on Thursday, January 24th. There is no school on Friday, January 25. Book Fair will be held Jan. 22 – 24.

The Reading Initiative continues with a goal of 5000 books for the school. Over 2200 books have been read. Mrs. Tarullo's class is leading with 220 books.

Terra Nova testing material has arrived. Testing will be given to students in grades 1 through 7. The testing will run March 10 – 21.

The alignment of skills for preschool through second grade has been completed. Copies have been given to prospective parents in those grades.

The fourth and fifth grade quick recall team begins its season with a game at Holy Family on January 15th. Mrs. Sabrina Bolton is coaching with help from Allison Collins.

PTO Report

Daniel Smithson reported the sweat shirts were delivered before Christmas break. There was some question about the logo on the back of the sweat shirts for the first order placed in Oct. The logo was deleted from the last order.

Each staff member was given a \$10.00 gift card from Panera Bread. Many thank you notes were received.

Heather Jemley coordinated the Christmas flower sale which was very successful. The next event for the PTO is the Book Fair which will run from Jan. 24 – 27.

Technology

The school technology plan was submitted to the archdiocese. It covers the years from 2007 – 2010. Another SmartBoard was placed in the 7th/8th grade classroom

Parent Handbook

Lynn Fieldhouse, Brenda Reul and Linda Klump have taken suggestions, reviewed and submitted drafts for changes to the Parent Handbook. Mr. Schmitt will coordinate the information and report back to the committee. Many thanks to Lynn, Brenda and Linda for all their work.

Student Recruitment and Retention Committee

Joni Tamalonis, a school parent, will be working with Mr. Schmitt to determine needs and make recommendations. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 8:10. Next meeting date is Feb 12th, 7:00 p.m. in the school library.