

ST. JAMES SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 11, 2007

In attendance: Sabrina Bolton, Pam Murrer, Linda Klump, Brenda Reul, Angela Jones, Sean O'Connor, Traci Durbin, Tom Schmitt

The meeting was opened with a prayer at 7:10 p.m. Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed.

Principal's Report

Enrollment: K – 8 has 111 students; Pre-School and Pre-K have 114. Tom mentioned one of his goals for year is to increase enrollment.

Budget: little difference from last month; religion textbooks will take up a large part of book account.

Curriculum: Every child K-7 is scheduled to be assessed in reading by the end of next month; students are tested in three areas oral, silent, comprehension. Goal is to show progress to parents throughout the year; obligation to parents. Parents will receive results at conferences the first week of October.

PTO:

(1.) Magazine drive begins this Thursday; packets go home with students; goal is \$25,000 in total sales; emphasize to preschool families importance of this fundraiser; there will be new incentives for older students (drawing for a Wii); daily prizes for highest sellers and weeples for anyone selling subscriptions; will be able to order online this year and still give credit to specific students. (2.) Next PTO meeting is Sept. 19. (3.) Sponsoring jar booth at the Italian/American Festival (jars available in office). (4.) Kroger cards, Market Day and SCRIP (can be ordered online though parish website) will be a part of tuition credits for all families; running totals will be kept by parish office until April then FACTS account will be credited in May; any tuition paid in full will receive credit for next year.

Technology

A grant for closed-circuit TV hookup was denied but will be submitted again next year; will continue to look into costs; Mrs. Herbert, computer teacher, is inventorying the lab and making a list of needs; in need of monitors.

By-Laws

By-laws were distributed and will need updating. Lynn Fieldhouse will review them for us from a legal standpoint. Committee will review them in more depth later in the year.

Parent/Student Handbook

The handbook will be updated this year. Linda Klump and Brenda Reul will head a committee to solicit suggestions for changes and will report back at the next meeting. School families will be asked for suggestions through the weekly Pony and anyone interested in serving on the committee may contact school. The preschool handbook will also be revised but at a later date.

Other

Parent/student conferences will be on October 4th. Mrs. Payton was selected to present at the Ohio Catholic Education Association conference in Cincinnati in October.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.