



## ST. LAWRENCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES from March 3, 2014

The St. Lawrence School Advisory Council met on March 3, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Laurie Batchelor, Kate Capp, Todd Thyne, Mary Lee Trapp, and Angie Weber. Also attending was Mrs. Monson. Kevin Cantine and Fr. Gary were absent.

President, Todd Thyne, called the meeting to order. The February council meeting minutes were read. Angie made a motion to approve the minutes and Mrs. Monson seconded the motion. The motion passed and the minutes were approved as read.

Mrs. Monson gave the principal's report (see attachment).

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The upgrades to the security system were made on Feb. 12th, and the system has been working well.

The United Catholic raffle sales have concluded and we have exceeded our goal of \$12,500. Mrs. Monson thinks the final dollar amount will be around \$13,700. There are extra benefits to the top selling school. St. Lawrence was in fourth place earlier in the raffle. The top selling school is based on the percentage of tickets sold per student.

The school is still waiting for bids on the cost of new computers. Mrs. Monson applied for a technology grant through United Catholic. The school received a grant of \$500 that will be used for the purchase of new computers.

Sr. Beth Ann Dillion has been hired to replace Mrs. Monson as principal. Sr. Beth Ann plans on visiting the school on March 24th to become familiar with the school and meet the staff. It was asked if Sr. Beth Ann has a background in education. Mrs. Monson didn't know for sure. There is a one year grace period with the state and a waiver can possibly be obtained if she doesn't have a principal's certification.

Mrs. Monson reported on the school's accreditation. The school has a few areas that need some attention. The school has six months to fix anything that isn't up to par. Mrs. Meyers needs to apply for her teaching certificate. Mrs. Volkenant has an incomplete personal record on file with the state. Personal records are compiled in the fall and Mrs. Monson has explained Mrs. Volkenant's situation to the state and is working with the state to resolve the matter. The state also wants a more comprehensive improvement plan. Mrs. Monson didn't want to get too aggressive with an improvement plan as she will not be here to help implement any changes. Mrs. Monson

will be working to address these areas and submit the information to the state in the next two to three weeks.

There are seventeen kindergarten students registered for 2014/2015 school year. The three year old preschool classes are full. The four year old class has six openings. We have lost a few preschool students to the American Lutheran preschool.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Monson spoke about the Smarter Balance testing that the third through sixth grades must take. Mrs. Monson expressed her concerns and reservations with the testing being done online, Mrs. Monson is concerned with the younger grades being able to follow all the instructions to save answers and being able to complete the testing in a timely manner. Hopefully, there will be minimal computer glitches.

The teacher contacts need to be sent to the teachers by April 15th. It was briefly discussed if we should have a retirement reception for Mrs. Trapp. Mrs. Monson will speak to Mrs. Trapp to see if she would like to have one or not.

The council went into executive session at 7:35 p.m. and concluded the executive session at 7:42 p.m.

Laurie made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mary Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kate Capp, Secretary*

\*All school council meeting dates are published in the bulletin and listed on the parish website. The next meeting is scheduled for April 7th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

