



ST. LAWRENCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES from March 14, 2016

The St. Lawrence school Advisory Council met on March 14th 2016 at 6:00pm. Members in attendance were Kate Capp, Sandra Fonder, Nancy Kruger, Jason Street and Angie Weber. Also attending were Brenda Anderson, Fr. Gary DeRouchey, Darby Helms and Dena VanLith

The meeting began with a Prayer and Jason Called the meeting to order. The Agenda was reviewed and the minutes from the January meeting were read. Jason made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Kate seconded the motion. The motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

For preschool enrollment MWF class we have 14 students registered, 10 for the T/TH registered with 3 applications still pending. For Kindergarten we have 14 students registered

The Catholic United Raffle raised \$15,500, which is about 1000 less than last year but we are pleased with the amount the students were able to raise considering smaller preschool classes and smaller 6th grade class. 2 winners from the Milbank area, Deanne Dockter won \$100 visa card and Terri Holtquist won an Ipad Pro.

Chromebook use has been going well. We are hoping to have 3rd and 4th grade with chromebooks for next year. The Domain and licenses to link all the chromebooks together was something unexpected that was not included with the purchase price of the chromebooks but through a donation we were able to obtain those for this year.

Sheila McMahon resigned to her janitor position due to health issues and Connie Lesnar was hired as the new part time janitor for the school. She will work 4 hours a day starting the first part of April.

The gala is scheduled for April 29th at Shady Beach, and the theme is "A Night in Oz"

We are planning on a visit from Bishop Swain in May to celebrate Mass, but no date has been confirmed yet.

The Schwan's Care Program has raised \$629 so far. The 20% will go until March 17th and then 5% until June 15th. All what we earn is ours as there is not a max.

The 3rd graders are doing their fruit of the spirit project; they are collecting used books for toddlers to 6th grade to be sent to Sierra Leone. Melanie Reiners is interested in coming and doing a slide presentation to show the kids where all this thing are going and their mission group.

Also Mrs. Anderson talked with Tom Muller about the orphan grain train, for the 6th grade to go and help with this. He suggested a donation to cover the cost of the meals (\$100-200) as it is .12 cents per meal.

Jackie Bird the Native American Hoop Dancer will be coming April 28th to the theater. This is an event sponsored by St. Lawrence.

OLD BUSINESS

There are currently 2 accounts for Amazon Smile. St. Lawrence Elementary and Roman Catholic Church of St. Lawrence, we are going to switch to the Roman Catholic Church of St. Lawrence for a little while, they will put the 2 accounts together, and afterwards we can go back to St. Lawrence Elementary.

We got \$32 from the Thrivent, and it will be in the newsletter so people know that is an option.

"The Talk" is scheduled for April 12th at 9:30. For 5th and 6th grades. Joan Frerichs and Dr. Dena will be presenting and permission slips will go home prior.

NEW BUSINESS

Father brought up a few options tuition plan

Option A: (opt out of fundraising)

1. Catholic: pay all tuition \$2,500 per students with no family cap
2. Non catholic: pay all tuition \$3,000 per student, with no family cap

Option B:

1. Pay \$1,250 (K) \$1,350 (1st) or \$1,450 (2-6) and participate in fundraising.

This is just an option, and something to think about. It will be discussed at the life meeting also.

The Senate bill has a scholarship that we hope will be available for a non-public school (like St. Lawrence) \$877, and the kids will have to not exceed income 150% of the free and reduced meal program, been in a public school the previous semester or entering K or 1st grade or starting school for the first time in SD to be eligible for the scholarship.

On April 20th Father Carlos Martins will bring the Sacred Relics to St. Lawrence, he will spend some time with the kids but the exposition is open to everyone.

The next Council Meeting will be April 11th at 6:00pm

Father finished with the closing prayer

Angie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kate second the motion. The Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Fonder, Secretary

**All school council meeting dates are published in the bulletin and listed on the parish website.*