



## ST. LAWRENCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES from May 5, 2014

The St. Lawrence School Advisory Council met on May 5, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Laurie Batchelor, Kevin Cantine, Kate Capp, Todd Thyne, Mary Lee Trapp, and Angie Weber. Also attending were Fr. Gary DeRouche and Mrs. Monson. The meeting time was moved from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to accommodate the council members with children performing in the Milbank Middle School concert.

President, Todd Thyne, called the meeting to order. The April council meeting minutes were read. Angie made a motion to approve the minutes and Kevin 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 Smarted Balance testing has gone better than anticipated. The problem is the difference of testing times between the individual students. Some students are able to complete the testing quickly, while others require more time. Mrs. Monson reported that the test questions are very difficult. The 4th grade has four tests left to complete. All testing should be done in plenty of time to allow for make-up testing by students who have missed any part.

The computer lab is up and running and sooner than expected. The staff and students seem happy with the new computers. The computer lab needed to be upgraded for the school to be able to complete the state testing. The server will be installed during the summer.

Mrs. Monson has the teacher contracts back from the teachers. Along with Mrs. Trapp's retirement and Mrs. Radermacher's resignation, Bobbi Meyer has given a verbal resignation to Mrs. Monson and Fr. Gary. Mrs. Tuchscherer is unsure if she will continue as the computer teacher.

Mrs. Trapp's retirement party was well attended, and Mrs. Trapp was very appreciative of the reception in her honor.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The council will be providing the ice cream sundaes following the spring program. Todd is purchasing nine pails.

Mrs. Monson has received four applications for the two teaching positions open after the 2013/2014 school year. Fr. Gary and Mrs. Monson will review the applications after the school year

has ended and will make the decision on the individuals who will receive offers to teach at St. Lawrence. One person has expressed interest in the music teacher position but has not submitted an application yet.

Mrs. Monson reported that two families have fallen far behind in their tuition payments. Mrs. Monson has made personal, telephone, and mail contact with the families to remind and prompt them to bring their tuition up-to-date. Neither of the two families has been applying for the scholarships that are available. Mrs. Monson will continue to try to collect the past due tuition.

Fr. Gary reported that he expects the Gala to net approximately \$39,000. Not all of the bills have been submitted, but based on last year's figures and reasonable expectations of this year's expenses; the net profit should be close. The ticket sales were very comparable to last year.

Todd Thyne, Kevin Cantine, and Mary Lee Trapp announced their resignations from the council effective upon adjourning this meeting. The remaining council members, Mrs. Monson, and Fr. Gary will look for replacements to service on the council.

The council entered into executive session at 7:02 p.m. and concluded the executive session at 7:13 p.m.

Angie made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kate seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kate Capp, Secretary*

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