



ST. LAWRENCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES from Sept. 9, 2013

The St. Lawrence School Advisory Council met on September 9th, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Laurie Batchelor, Kevin Cantine, Kate Capp, and Angie Weber. Also attending were Fr. Gary DeRouchey and Mrs. Monson. Mary Lee Trapp and Todd Thyne were absent.

Vice-president, Laurie Batchelor called the meeting to order. The April council meeting minutes were read. Angie made a motion to approve the minutes and Laurie seconded the motion. The motion passed and the minutes were approved as read.

Mrs. Monson gave the principal's report (see attachment). In addition to Mrs. Monson's report, she reported that the school is filling three to four semi-trailer of paper each year. Our volume has increase since we started receiving the leftover papers from the Valley Shopper. The School Mall booklets typically generate around a \$1,000 for the school each year.

OLD BUSINESS

Nancy Kruger has been working on the school's web page. She is updating it and adding new information such as a "trash to treasure" page to list all the items the school collects for free money. There has been positive feedback about the new web page.

Most of the teachers and staff now have the K12 emails. The switch was made because the diocesan email was having and continues to have a lot of problems.

Bobbi Meyer moved from teaching computer to teaching music and JoAnn Volkenant was hired as the new computer teacher. They both seem to be doing well in their positions.

There was discussion on student enrollment. The enrollment appears to be very stable and is slightly up from last year. There was one student in fifth grade that did not come back for sixth grade. The preschool is down three students between all of the classes. St. Lawrence only lost one preschool student due to a new preschool opening at the American Lutheran Church. It was also discussed that the Emanuel Lutheran preschool has a waiting list but they offer reduced or assistance for lower income families, which is not available at the St. Lawrence preschool.

NEW BUSINESS

The security system will be worked on tomorrow (Sept. 10th). We have all of the hardware necessary and the problem seems to be more of a software issue. The software seems to have been erased from the server and the discs couldn't be located. Without knowing what's wrong, the security system company couldn't give an estimate on fees, but hopefully it will be an easy fix at a reasonable cost.

Climate control was discussed. There have been problems in the teacher's lounge and other classrooms with loud noise from the climate control system. The system might still be on an old computer and Fr. Gary is going to check on it.

Mrs. Monson will be attending a retreat at Broom Tree on October 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Mrs. Monson told the Council that she will likely retire after the 2013-2014 school year and said that she will being a search for her replacement. A replacement could possibly come from "in-house". If the replacement didn't have all the necessary requirements for the principal position, they would need additional training which is available at the University of Sioux Falls. It is likely that Mrs. Trapp will retire after the current school year, but she has not given an official notice. It is possible that the school could be looking for two to three new teachers depending on retirements and if the new principal came from within St. Lawrence.

The next school advisory council meeting is scheduled for October 14th at 6:30 p.m. Kevin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angie seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Capp, Secretary

