



SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES from March 11, 2013

The St. Lawrence School Board met on March 11th, 2013 at 6:30 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 DeRouchey and Mrs. Monson. There were no January or February meetings due to scheduling conflicts.

Todd Thyne called the meeting to order. The December board 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). Mrs. Monson also reported that the school raised \$12,300 in the Catholic United Financial raffle. Landon Novy was the high seller of tickets and the second grade earned the pizza party. Mrs. Monson also reported that Mardi Gras went well. The left over candy and juice will be used for the end of year school party.

Old Business

Teacher compensation was discussed. Fr. Gary approved a one step in pay for full-time teachers for the 2013/2014 school year. Mrs. Monson reported on one teacher retirement. Mrs. Dockter will be retiring from the music department after the 2012/2013 school year. The school will be looking for a new music teacher. The tuition rates for 2013/2014 is as follows – T/T Preschool \$70 monthly, MWF Preschool \$85 monthly, Kindergarten \$1,100 annually, First Grade \$1,200 annually, Second – Sixth \$1,300 annually.

Discussion was held on janitor's hours. There is no janitor at the school after 2:00 p.m. Class rooms are cleaned before school, and rooms are on a rotating schedule for cleaning. Fr. Gary reported that the janitor also cleans part of the basement, chapel, church entrance, and bathrooms by the chapel. Ken Vanorney does the maintenance, snow removal, and helps out with cleaning duties.

New Business

The gala planning is under way. The prize for the mother board will be a year of free tuition for one student. There will also be a Disney board for those attending the gala and will have a separate prize.

The St. Lawrence School has a new website. Nancy Kruger has designed the website and it is up and running, although the site is not yet complete. The school's website will also have a link to the parish website.

The diocese's website has been having major issues. The parish and school have been having problems receiving emails and connecting to the site. The problems have been occurring for about three weeks. The K-12 website has been working better with fewer issues.

Mrs. Monson reported on Kindergarten registration. Currently there are eleven students registered. The preschool classes currently have a few opening in each of the age groups.

The Dakota Step tests will be April 2nd through the 19th. The tests are still manual, but will be online in the future. The tests will also have different formats in the 2013/2014 and the 2014/2015 school years. In the future, the tests will include more essays.

Snow days were brought up. If any more full days are missed in March, April 29th will be a make-up day. If any days are missed in April, the missed days will be made up at the end of the school year.

Core training for the teachers will be held on June 3rd and 4th. There is no cost to the teachers. Most of the teachers should be able to attend the training.

Mrs. Monson reported on the school supplies. She will ask the LIFE group to help purchase some of the needed items. There have been some school supplies disappearing. The office is trying to keep a closer watch on where the supplies are going.

Two teachers have expressed interest in teaching summer school. Information will be sent home to the parents next week to see if there is enough interest to offer it.

Discussion was held on the role of the school board. Catholic school boards and the public school boards have different roles. The public school board is a decision making body. The St. Lawrence School board is more advisory in nature and not decision making. The board's role is to bring ideas, suggestions, recommendations, and problems to the meeting to help the Priest make better decisions. Each member adds a unique dynamic to the board. Both the parish and school are currently running smoothly.

The next school board meeting is set for April 8th, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Capp, Secretary