

St. Malachy School Commission

November 2, 2011

St. Malachy School Conference Room

The following were in attendance: Angela Bostrom, Principal, Matt Goddard, Assistant Principal, Ruth Rodgers, Chairperson, Lynda Curry, Darin Odier, Shane Harley, and Pam Staysniak

Call to order:

The meeting was begun with prayer by Mrs. Bostrom.

I. Topics for Discussion:

1. Themes in Pulse of the Parish survey- The themes in the returned Surveys were discussed. The feedback will be brought to the different commission chairs and it will be decided how to better address these issues as they relate to their specific committees/commissions. Developing a stronger sense of community is identified as a desired initiative. School families can be encouraged to reach out to families that attend other schools – particularly through CYO sports.
2. PTO meeting- Ruth Rodgers spoke at the last PTO meeting and shared the function of school commission. Concerns were expressed by attendees with respect to how school commission spots are filled and the seeming lack of transparency of the meetings. As a result, a school commission interest form has been generated. These forms will be kept on file based upon the applicant's areas of expertise and pulled when positions become available. The form will be available online on the school website under the school commission tab and available to print off and turn in at any time. When positions are to be vacated, it will be advertised in the school's newsletter as well as the bulletin.

!! Reports:

- a. Administrators Report-Balance Calendar Survey. Brownsburg School Corporation has approved a balanced calendar for the 2012-2013 school years. Mrs. Bostrom and Father Joe are not only gathering data that focuses on our current school calendar verses a balanced school calendar, they are also adamant that this will be a decision that is determined by the parents of students attending St. Malachy. In

order to give the parents a voice, a survey is expected to go out in mid to late November allowing them to decide what will be best for their family. While there is data available offering insight into a student's academic retention as well as the budgetary differences based upon the two types of calendars, Mrs. Bostrom was very clear that this will be a decision that will be heavily weighted on the school parents.

- b. Finance/Budget-Lynda Curry provided a summary of the year to date financial status for both the school and parish. The commission greatly appreciated the information provided.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday December 7, at 7:00 a.m.