

St. Malachy School Commission

October 7, 2009 Minutes

St. Malachy School Library

The following were in attendance: Mary Sullivan, Principal, Andrea Ettenberger, Assist. Principal, Dawn Hostetler, Chairwoman, Mary Arnould, Amy Marcou, Ruth Rodgers, RJ Van Noy and Mike Gossman.

Mrs. Amy Marcou opened the meeting with a prayer. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 5, at 7:00 pm in the school library with prayer provided by RJ Van Noy.

The revised minutes from the September 2, 2009 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved.

Special Situations

- A. H1N1-Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Caputo are implementing all suggested precautions. To date there have been no confirmed cases of H1N1 at the school. More than 50% of students submitted their permission slips to be immunized should the flu shots become available.
- B. Ad hoc committee formation-Uniform Review-An ad hoc committee has been formed to evaluate our uniform vendor, Schoolbelles, and determine if a change in vendor should be made. Many families experienced difficulties this year obtaining uniforms from Schoolbelles.
- C. Attendance Policies-Mrs. Sullivan and the school commission discussed the possibility of changing attendance policies regarding the participation in sporting events over a weekend where the student was out of school the preceding Friday. The commission also discussed the possibility of restructuring the awards system (Perfect Attendance) to discourage families from sending a sick child to school. Both issues were discussed in light of the concerns regarding the potential H1N1 outbreak.
- D. School Commission Training Review-Several members of the school commission including Mrs. Sullivan recently attended School Commission Training offered by the Archdiocese. The structure of our school commission was discussed in light of the Archdiocese's recommendations. Dawn Hostetler and Ruth Rodgers agreed to research the structure of other local Catholic school commissions.

Report or Announcements:

- A. Administrator's Report: The Parent/Principal coffee will be held on October 15 in the school library. October 20 is being celebrated as a National Day of Writing. The students will be doing different activities in the classrooms to recognize the importance of writing in their lives. Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Ettenberger, Mrs. Cullin, and Mrs. Floyd attended a workshop on using test score values to measure individual student growth.

Two new students have been welcomed into our school within the last month.

- B. Chairman's Report: No Report

C. Committee Reports:

1. Tuition and Fees/Finance: The school budget is currently running ahead of budget projections.
2. Third Source Income:
 - a. Scrip: Scrips is running smoothly without any problems.
 - b. Mardi Gras-No Report
3. Marketing & Development:
 - a. Family Harvest Gathering-Scheduled for Oct. 9 at 6:30 pm. Mrs. Marcou is working on contingency plans in the event of rain.
 - b. Green & White Gala: No report
4. Parent/Teacher Organization: St. Malachy middle school teachers will be presenting a study skills session on October 14, at 7:00 as part of the PTO Meeting.
5. Athletic Committee: No report.

Future Business

- A. Mardi Gras Use Ideas: Quotes are being gathered for potential uses.

The meeting was concluded at 10:07 pm with a closing prayer.