

2011-2012

Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Grade School

School Education Committee Minutes

September 6, 2011

Members Present:

Dave Meyer, Greg Straub, Wendy Scholler, Judith Longrie, Mary Bushard, Stacy Bichler

Members Absent: Jennifer Delwiche

Ex Officio Members Present: Dr. Erickson, Fr. Fleischman

Guests: Stevie Ritger, Ed Ritger, Jim Eischen, Susan Risch

Prayer: Prayer led by Father Fleischman

Guest Comments: Ed Ritger addressed the committee regarding the recent vote by the parish council with regards to the child care program and the importance of the extended day program and encouraged the committee to try and make the extended day program viable on its own. Ed also addressed the need to advertise the success of the school by using testing data from things like the Iowa test to show our success with the students. He stressed the need to possibly look at another testing program to get more specific on the testing and do it more than what is currently done with the Iowa Tests.

Jim Eischen explained that a restructuring is needed for the extended day program and that he encouraged that the letters that go out to families regarding the closing of the child care center show that we are not giving up on the program but that we need to look at restructuring.

Sue Risch gave the committee a spreadsheet that addressed the current students in the extended day program along with staff hours needed, and the current fee they pay and what they would pay with an increase in the fee for the extended day program.

Parish Council Report: Jenny Huiras reported that the parish council voted to cease the operation of the day care as of September 30th, 2011. The parish council wants the school to look at the wrap around program and stresses that it needs to be self supporting. She explained that the parish feels it is very important to have the wrap around program and encourages the committee to find a way.

Home and School Report: Dave reported that the golf outing seemed to go well this year, they are not yet sure if the golf outing reached their budget. The Brat Fry was also held on the Friday before Labor Day at Cedar Valley Cheese.

Secretary Report: Motion was made by Wendy Scholler to approve May Meeting minutes, seconded by Stacy Bichler. Motion Carried. The committee did not meet in June and July so there are no documented meeting minutes. Motion was made by Judy Longrie to approve the August meeting minutes, seconded by Mary Bushard. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Because the committee changed meeting dates, Marilyn is not able to get the committee the financial report before our meetings, so the committee will have to address that during the month and approve at the next meeting.

Principal and Teacher Report: Dr. Erickson gave the Principal and Teacher report.

- Gold bags were handed out to the students the first day of class and are a nice way for the students to advertise the school in and around the community.
- Open house on Monday, September 12th starting at 5:30pm with food offered by the home and school committee; followed by the opportunity for parents to talk with teachers and see the classrooms and then attend the home and school meeting.
- The 5th grade will be again attending Camp Vista this year.
- During the Parish Mission from the 18th through the 22nd the OLL Children will be attending mass everyday during that week.
- Picture day is October 4th, Dr. Erickson encouraged the committee to come in and get their picture taken for the year book.
- The school year is off to a good start, the numbers are lower than anticipated before the end of the school year last year.
- Addressed Iowa testing vs. Maps testing.
- New teacher is Suzanne Starch. The school continues to search for a new tech education teacher, in the mean time, the teachers are taking turns in the technology education room.

Subcommittee Reports: None

Old Business: none

New Business: none

The committee made a motion to go into executive session; motion was made by Wendy Scholler, seconded by Mary Bushard. Motion carried

The committee came out of executive session to conclude discussions on the extended day program. Based on the guidelines mandated by the parish, the school committee has decided, based on the numbers, that the program is not financially viable at this time.

Motion was made to adjourn at 10:00pm by Judy Longrie, seconded by Stacy Bichler. Motion carried.