2011-2012
Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Grade School
School Education Committee Minutes
October 4, 2011

Members Present:

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

Members Absent: Jennifer Delwiche

Ex Officio Members Present: Dr. Erickson, Fr. Fleischman, and Mrs. Keller

Guests: Leon Jacoby

Prayer: Prayer led by Judith Longrie

Guest Comments: Leon Jacoby suggested that we do some fundraising after 11:00am mass to raise some money for the school. He also suggested that in the annual report, it show the cost of a child to go to Our Lady of Lakes. He also suggested tying that in with showing the taxpayers the savings they would see by sending their children to Our Lady of Lakes. Dr. Erickson mentioned he thought including the cost within the annual report was achievable and he would look into it.

Parish Council Report: Jenny Huiras reported that there was some concern that there are no school board members attending the parish council meetings. There was discussion as to the need for that and both Judy Longrie and Dave Mayer would attend the joint meeting with Fredonia on October 20th.

Jenny also reported that there was some concern from the last meeting about not having an open discussion regarding the extended child care while the guests were at the meeting in September. There was discussion as to why that was discussed in closed session, however, Dave Mayer addressed that it should have been run differently to include open discussion with the guests.

The Fall Fest was well attended by the OLL school families which Jenny reported was nice to see.

Home and School Report: No update – Next major fundraiser is the November Wine Tasting

Secretary Report: A few minor changes were made to the September meeting minutes, and the committee decided that the approval of the financial report will be done at the meeting; however, it will just be a month behind instead of approving the current one electronically. Motion was made to approve the September meeting minutes; motion was made by Mary Bushard, seconded by Judy Longrie. Motion carried.

Financial Report: A motion was made to approve the September financial report; motion was made by Stacy Bichler, seconded by Mary Bushard. Motion carried.

Principal and Teacher Report: Teacher report was given by Mrs. Heather Keller. Mrs. Keller reported that the school will be taking a field trip on October 10th to Spiekers Pumpkin farm. The kids will be paired up with their book buddies during this trip. They will be going through Fire Prevention on October 14th and will be having a Halloween Parade on October 26th. The Holy Rosary will also be sometime in October and picture day was done on October 4th.

Dr. Rick Erickson gave the Principal report. He first handed out the School Committee member list and Parish Council member list to look over for any updates or changes and to have for records. Dr. Erickson also asked that a picture of the school committee be taken in the near future for year book purposes. He also reported the following:

- One 5th grader attended Camp Vista this year and everything went well, he had a good time.
- The roof is leaking in the school; the leak was discovered last week in Dr. Erickson's office.
- The web page needs to be updated to remove the child care and update class pages
- The new technology teacher is Mrs. Gail Graczyk, she is an experienced technology teacher with grant writing experience as well and she will be looking into writing some grants for our technology program. Dr. Erickson brought in an article about school districts moving to electronic text books.
- There was a situation with a 3 year old preschool child and the bus company refusing to deliver the child to numerous and complicated drop off places, so in turn, that child no longer attends OLL preschool.
- A fire drill was done on October 4th and the school was cleared out in 45 seconds. Dr. Erickson believes they can get it down to around 30 seconds as they continue to practice.
- The idea of a 7th grade is looking hard to pull off at this point however Dr. Erickson reported that he has contacted a number of catholic schools in the area that have continuing education through middle and high school and will start to bring liaisons in from these schools to talk to the 6th grade class. It will start with St. Mary Springs who will have a student Liaison and teacher in on October 31st at 9am. Dr. Erickson has also contacted St. John Baptist, St. Mary's Sheboygan Falls, and will look at contacting Port Catholic.
- Dr. Erickson has looked further into the MAPS program originally brought to the committee by Mr. Ed Ritger in September. Dr. Erickson put feelers out to the Archdiocese and schools and all feedback he has gotten has been positive. He will continue investigating this program because it has major value and shows at any given time our strengths and weaknesses. It is a costly program.
- The annual smart goal was reported by Dr. Erickson, this year's smart goal is to focus on the Language Arts and improve communication skills using the 6 traits model.

Subcommittee Reports: Technology committee has not met in a while, but is organizing to meet with the new technology teacher.

Old Business: none

New Business: Father addressed the use of any items from the child care be okayed before using and that the child care items should be stored.

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

Closing Prayer: Father led the closing prayer.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:30pm by Stacy Bichler, seconded by Mary Bushard. Motion carried.

Next meeting is on November 1st.