

2010-2011
Our Lady of the Lakes
School Committee Meeting
November 16, 2010

Members present: Dave Mayer, Jamie Vorpahl, Judie Longrie, Mary Bushard, Jennifer Delwiche,
Wendy Scholler and Greg Straub

Others present: Dr. Erickson, Robb Holden

1. Parish Council report by Becky Swanson: There will be another All Parish Meeting for the parishioners on Dec. 19 at 9:45am, following the 8:30 Mass, to discuss our vision, and whether to merge or not with the other 2 parishes in the cluster. A vote will be conducted at this time. School roof replacement will cost in excess of approximately \$58,000.00, to be done in the spring, but immediate needed repairs will be done now, by the same company, without additional charge. The parish census is still ongoing because all forms have not been turned in as yet by some of the formerly registered members. Phone calling will next proceed by some council members, for this information.
2. Home & School report: Fund raiser is being planned for February, as per the past, but the dates have yet been determined.
3. Financial report: this is submitted by Marilyn per month, on the web site. OLL school came in well under last year's budget, so far. Our principal is beginning to work on next year's budget, already. Calendars are not selling as well as hoped, so far. The Child Care center is also doing adequately, financially.
4. Teacher report, given by Mr. Holden: the food drive for November has been very successful so far. Last week's field trip was fun for all the students that attended. They are next working on Advent projects. New wireless lap tops were given to all the teachers, and the principal.
5. Principal report: letters have been sent out to prospective Kindergarten students' parents, with the hopes of gaining more students for next year. Sixteen letters have been sent out so far, with possibly more to be mailed, based on the information received from our census. Grants are in the process of being composed and written, to solicit funds for our private school. The Christmas concert is scheduled for Dec. 19, at our school, in the evening. Leadership meetings were held in West Bend, and attended by Jenny Delwiche and Wendy Scholler. They reported that we need to review our mission statement, and to also reevaluate our committee goals. What is our role as a committee to our parish and to the community? We need to look at how we promote our school, and to review the school booklet. Our mission statement seems vague and not very aggressive. We need to better strive for "excellence", as stated by Jenny. Discussion then followed on future testing ideas, other than what's required by the Archdiocese. However, this would be extra cost to the school. But, we need to "sell" our academic achievements and advertise them. This plan was tabled for discussion at the next meeting. No new staff was hired for the Child Care Center.
6. New Business: dress codes were again discussed, and the parents will be surveyed about their thoughts for this possibility.
7. Technology: Mr. Holden reported that if the students were given more time on their computers, he feels they could learn more generally.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judie Longrie
(no minutes were available for the October meeting)