

The St. Patrick's Board of Education regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by President Steve Eklund on Tuesday, March 9, 2010. Present were Principal Cory Wenthe, Fr. Dave Polich, Jill Brosnahan, Dariel McNamara, Monica Peitz and Shelly Thompson. Observing were school staff, Mr. Weddle and Ms. Ferguson.

Mr. Wenthe gave the opening prayer. A quorum was determined. Dariel moved to accept the agenda, Jill seconded and motion carried by unanimous vote.

Open forum: Brenda Martin, school cook presented following concerns: 1) Ground water is coming into the kitchen 2) Air conditioner doesn't function in the kitchen and by lunch time it is close to 100 degrees. 3) A very loud noise comes from the dishwasher when water is moving through it. 4) Water is coming in below the windows in the kitchen. Pre-school is also flooded. 5) Pilots on the stove run very hot-food burns in pans if they are sitting on the burner while it's off. 6) Exhaust fans/vents don't work. Father will call a meeting with groups who use the kitchen to coordinate a plan.

Minutes were distributed. Dariel moved to accept, Shelly seconded and motion carried by unanimous vote.

Reports:

Food Service: Financial report distributed. Balance is \$50.95

Home and School: Minutes of March meeting were distributed.

Finance report: Financial statement distributed. Mrs. Prunty is looking into why preschool grant money is not coming to us. Live Auction is set for April 17.

Administrator's report: 1) We have two new students-K, 2nd grade. 2) Advertising for Kindergarten Open House and registration night has been on radio, The Chief and El Enfoque newspapers. Letters were also sent to churches. 3) Sixteen families were at Kindergarten Open House. Public School nurse, Shelly Thompson, presented information about immunization and other health screenings. 4) Cory talked with the teachers about the recommendations from the ad hoc committee. This includes better documentation of parent concerns and focus on reading. 5) Cory has contacted AEA and will be using them as a resource. It does take time from initial contact to having them into the school. 6) There is a possibility that the public school may change schedule of some exploratory classes. This will affect our 8th graders taking advantage of this opportunity. 7) Cory is still working on the school calendar. Tentative plans are for first day of school being August 24, Back to School Night, August 23 and last day May 26th. We will follow the public school for the most part. We have an innovative calendar -we set the number of days the students are in session and students have to be here that many days. 8) A group has asked to use the gym for an adult basketball tournament. This will be a fundraiser for the church.

Father's report: We are in midst of Lenten calendar. The Capital Campaign had 65 people at its initial meeting 2 weeks ago. Next steering committee meeting is on Sunday, March 14 from 3-5 pm.

Unfinished Business: Budget: maintenance items will amount to approximately \$78,000. A half-time resource/ half-time ESL teacher is being figured into the budget. Budget is not firm and must still be approved by School Board and Finance Council.

New Business: Recommendations from Ad Hoc Committee, Retention Survey. Three recommendations were made: 1) **Improve method of communication/responding to parent concerns**. This will insure no parent concern is dismissed, accountability and professional, positive staff response. 2) **Focus on individually challenging students in reading**. This includes individual testing on comprehension, fluidity, vocabulary, etc., helping students find books at appropriate reading level, parents will have better idea of student's reading level. 3) **Distribute survey at end of every school year to every family**. This will insure school is aware of student/family needs, improves accountability of school and results will be used to develop necessary goals for improvement.

Cory has discussed first two recommendations with teachers. They are doing the recommended reading testing. They are in process of setting up meeting format to address parent/student concerns. Discussion on survey was tabled to next meeting.

Executive Session: Steve moved board go into executive session, Dariel seconded, motion carried by unanimous decision. Executive session began at 7:45 pm. Executive session ended at 9:05 pm. Shelly moved to offer Cory a contract with 6.5% raise, Monica seconded and motion carried by unanimous decision. Jill moved meeting be adjourned, Steve seconded and motion carried by unanimous decision. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.