

Catholic Community Education Commission
Minutes of the Open Meeting March 26, 2008
MS/HS Media Center

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The meeting was called to order at 5:00p.m. by President Rusty Cutter.

Dede Landeck Mason gave the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Bob Ballard, Dave Boelcke, Rusty Cutter, Bill Grover, Debra Hermann, Dolores Landeck Mason, Carol Oehlhaffen, John Berlin, Jody Maher, Gerald Heath, Monsignor Osborn, Father Jacobs

Excused: Gary Bruce, Cindy Payovich

The minutes of the November 29, 2007 meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Dave Boelcke and supported by Bill Grover.

Reports

Parish Council and Parish Finance Reports

Ss. John-Bernard-Father Jacobs noted that the Parish Council will be meeting during the next two weeks. Last evening a mass was held at the prison with several prisoners and volunteers. Sheriff Bailey attended also and has been very supportive of the church/prison program. Final modifications are being made to the Parish pictorial directory.

St. Joseph-Monsignor Osborn commented on school disciplinary issues and noted that they will be handled by the administrators and that the Commission will not be involved with disciplinary actions.

Administrator Reports

Executive Director/MS/HS Principal-John Berlin distributed a report earlier. He reported that the MEAP testing results have been received. Jody Maher noted that this is the second year of taking the test and the learning process continues to improve. They will continue to look into areas that need to be addressed. She also reiterated that 100% of the students were tested in the classroom whereas in the public schools, sometimes accommodations are made for certain students. John Berlin noted that Janet Ordiway has done a nice job working with the teachers to create a Curriculum book for the Middle/High School. One will also be produced for the Elementary School. These will be distributed on April 12th and may also be put on-line.

Elementary School-Jody Maher distributed her report earlier. In addition, there is a chance that another room will be needed to accommodate a third section of kindergarten. Contractors have visited the school to see what it would cost to finish one or all three of the unfinished classrooms.

Business Office-A budget summary report was distributed. John Berlin reported that the budget for next year is still being developed. Registration for current families continues. The Scrip program will be changed to pre-order only. The elimination of having Scrip available at any time will relieve the cost of carrying extra inventory. Roof repairs are being done on the east wing and above the cafeteria at the MS/HS building.

Curriculum & Instructional Consultant-A report was earlier distributed by Janet Ordiway. Dave Boelcke commented that Janet's presentation at St. Bernard's Parish Community Center regarding the Middle/High School was very good and noted that even some fifth grade parents attended.

Dean of Students/Athletic Director-Gerald Heath commented on the successful winter sports season. He noted that the Girl's Basketball team went to the state quarter-finals, the Boy's Basketball team had a record of over .500, and in Wrestling, Michael Bartels qualified and attended the state finals. The starting spring season will include six sports. Gerald continues to address discipline and has seen a significant improvement in that area. Bob Ballard asked how the Code of Conduct for students has been accepted. Gerald noted that it is a working document and that overall it has been good but that some areas will be reevaluated and possibly modified for next year. Gerald is also looking into a resolution to the possible conflicts of the Friday, May 30th graduation date and sports tournament schedules.

Committee Reports

Development/Public Relations Committee-Dede Landeck Mason reported that the Committee is in the process of updating the tri-fold informational handout into a quarter-fold handout. Once updated, it will be distributed to various community sources.

Finance Committee-Monsignor Osborn reported that the Committee continues to brainstorm about alternative funding and looking for other creative ways to accomplish goals. He suggested that there is a need to actively pursue a search for unclaimed money possibly in the form of grant writing. Creating endowments may also be another way to provide necessary monies.

Building/Grounds and Facilities Committee-Bill Grover will continue to work with John Berlin on the list of projects that need to be accomplished in the two facilities.

School Improvement Committee-Carol Oehlhaffen reported that the Committee continues to meet to address various issues.

New Business

Monsignor Osborn said that next year, the Catholic identity of the school will continue to be emphasized and that how we are promoting the gospel will be further addressed. He also informed the Commission that the MS/HS population has the opportunity to attend reconciliation on-site every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during their lunchtime.

The next regularly scheduled CCEC meeting will be Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 7:00p.m. at the Rose Center.

A motion was made by Dave Boelcke with support from Bill Grover to adjourn the meeting at 6:45p.m.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by Rusty Cutter.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Nowicki Theisen
Secretary