

LAFAYETTE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Date: September 30, 2009 Location: St. Boniface

President Jim Roach called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Members present:

Representing St. Boniface:

Representing St. Lawrence: Marsha Mulkey, Jim Roach, Shawn Siemers

Representing St. Mary: Lara Behr, Stephanie Hainje, Greg Ortman

Excused: Brian Theme

Principals Present : Sr. Lenore Schwartz

Technology: Steve Eddy

Trustee Present:

- I. Prayer & Mission Statement: Marsha Mulkey
- II. Minutes from August 2009. Motion to approve by Marsha. Second by Stephanie. Approved.
- III. In Service. Sr. Lenore. Pope Benedict set this year as the Year of the Priest. An Iconographer created the icon for the year which is “Jesus the Teacher.” The icon, based on a 15th century prototype, was created on a 28” x 22” piece of wood with egg tempera paint. Jesus has an Aura of Holiness around his head and the shape of a dove at his neckline which represents the mark of the Holy Spirit. Jesus’ eyes stare straight ahead which draws us in to the icon. He has an ancient pelican over his chest which signifies self-sacrifice. He is holding the Holy Scripture. Borders contain a winding grapevine and altar prepared for the celebration of the liturgy of the Mass. Smaller icons surrounding Jesus are ancient high priest Melchizedek and St. Jean-Baptiste Vianney.
- IV. Open Forum. No parents present for open forum.
- V. Reports
 - a. Principals.
 - i. St. Boniface. Sr. Lenore.
 1. Joanne Budny and Sr. Lenore are working to provide hot lunches from the Central Catholic cafeteria to the three Catholic elementary schools. They are working to determine how to best transport the food (perhaps the CC bus). The menu will be planned by December and lunches will be available to the elementary schools in January. The per meal cost for students will be \$3.25. The plan is have the lunch program part of the federal lunch program in the 2010/2011 school year. The CC cafeteria now has a new software system which will assist in inventory management.
 - ii. St. Lawrence. Jody Williams sent a report.

1. Magazine sales of \$25,000 surpassed the goal of \$15,000 and the ice cream party will be this Friday.
 2. IOWA tests are finishing this week. All 1st through 6th graders took the tests and the results provide a good assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the students. The results will assist with lesson planning.
 3. The results from our piloting of the Superkids program at the end of last year in first grade are remarkable! The total reading average grade equivalent score was 2.9! This means that they scored as well as students nationally in the ninth month of second grade! Had they scored the same as the average first-grader at the end of the year, their grade equivalent score would have been 1.8. We are piloting the program this year in 2nd grade. This will be the 3rd year for most of these students so we are very anxious to see how they do. They just finished a pre-test in reading which will be compared with the post test they take at the end of the year.
 4. Challenge Day - Tuesday, Gr. 6....Wednesday, Gr. 5 St. Boniface students came over to St. Lawrence and spent the day together. These days were modeled after the program at CC and were wonderful! CC students, teachers and parents were facilitators and very valuable components. Thank you to Mrs. Gettings, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Gruse, Mrs. Cooley and Mrs. Maier for all the time they put into bringing these days here. The program was very motivating and inspiring with the challenge for the students to not be afraid to be who they are and to care for others. The closing theme was "Be the Change" which will be incorporated in each school throughout the school year.
 - iii. St. Mary. No report.
 - iv. Central Catholic. No report.
- b. Technology. Steve Eddy.
- i. After several days of struggling, we think we've stabilized our Internet connections. Changes made to the phone system affected our connection and those have been corrected.
 - ii. Our main server had a hardware failure last week that shut down access to all files and email. Once again, a huge thank you to Dave Cramer for more late-night work to get us up and running again.
 - iii. We are still working on two projects left over from this summer: The mobile laptop lab for the science department and the new-and-improved library lab. Doug Granlund is building new tables for the lab and Roeing Corp will be

hard-wiring the network connections, creating a much more aesthetically-pleasing environment.

- iv. Thanks to a donor, our cafeteria will soon be using a computerized point-of-sale system for lunch sales, featuring a touch screen for faster data entry.

c. Governance Board. Jim Roach.

- i. The new front entrance to CC will be complete by October 31st. The Chapel will be complete by November 19th.
- ii. The One in the Spirit fundraising campaign is in full swing.
- iii. The Baccalaureate Mass will be Wednesday, June 2nd at St. Mary. Commencement will be June 4th.

d. Old Business.

- i. No old business to review.

e. New Business.

- i. Reviewed Policy #105 (Teachers – Full-time, Part-time or Substitute Employment). Recommend changing the last sentence of the first paragraph to read “All teachers have a requirement of 190 work days per year” instead of the current “All teachers have a requirement to teach 190 school days per year.” Recommend changing the second paragraph to “A part-time teacher must be contracted for less than 6 teaching periods per day at Central Catholic” Instead of the current “A part-time teacher must be contracted for less than 5 teaching periods per day at Central Catholic.” This change will make the policy consistent with the first paragraph.
 - 1. First reading complete.
- ii. The Board of Education will begin a sequential review of all policies.
- iii. Fr. Tim needs to appoint two BOE members from the St. Boniface parish.
- iv. Joe Brettnacher was approached by a local orthodontist requesting permission to use his transportation service to transport students to his office (and back to school) for appointments. Joe referred him to the Board of Education. The BOE does not view this as a policy issue. Instead, the BOE views use of this service as a transportation decision to be made by the parent/guardian adhering to the existing school absence guidelines (similar to giving permission for a grandparent or family friend to transport the student to the appointment).

VI. Jim Roach adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Next meeting will be held at St. Lawrence on October 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Shawn Siemers