

St. Paul the Apostle School Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held: August 17, 2010

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Present: Lori Salva, Jeff Potter, Dale Manske, Steve Cole, Emily Teed, Celine Terranova, Sam Ramos, Larry Schafer

Guests: Beth Ann Bagnall and Sandy Bishop

I. Meeting opened with prayer.

II. Agenda reviewed and approved.

III. Principal's Report – Lori Salva

- A. Enrollment** – We currently have 211 students registered for the upcoming school year, 36 of which are preschoolers. Enrollment by grade is as follows: Kindergarten – 11, 1st – 17, 2nd – 13, 3rd – 28, 4th – 21, 5th – 24, 6th – 14, 7th – 26, 8th – 21
- B. New Additions** – Thank you to the Educational Foundation for their donation which resulted in new playground equipment. Smart boards have been installed and teacher training begins the week of August 23rd.
- C. Staff Changes** – Mrs. Collen Piaz will be teaching Music this year for grades 1-8, she is a shared teacher from GRPS and was given rave reviews from Principal Salva from her past work experience with her. Mrs. Balke will continue as the Resource/Sensory Room teacher. Miss Klotz will be teaching Spanish three times per week to grades 5-8 and Math for 7th and 8th grade. Mr. O'Rourke will continue with 6th grade Math and will focus on Science and the Science Olympiad.
- D. Christian Learning Center** – So far \$4,500 of the \$6,900 necessary to fund the CLC program has been raised from the SPA community and we are confident the balance of the funds will be secured in order to begin the program this fall. We will be billed over a 10 month period for the program. As a recap the CLC is a group of school psychologists who work in partnership with schools to address individual student needs through evaluation, consultation, teacher training, on-site observation and recommended programming. CLC Network staff members assist our school and church community to ensure that those students who have disabilities, unique learning challenges, or exceptional academic gifts will become vital participants who are challenged to their fullest capabilities. **Some of the potential benefits include:**
- i. Professional development opportunities for the staff
 - ii. Administrative support with legal issues
 - iii. Review and accreditation support
 - iv. Educational evaluations
 - v. Help in developing our school sensory integration room
 - vi. Inclusion strategies for the whole school
 - vii. Addressing issues surrounding higher order thinking skills, multiple intelligences, learning styles and the role of differentiation

Principal Salva expressed great enthusiasm for what this group can do for our school. They were also endorsed by Dale Manske who had a professional relationship with the organization.

- E. Administrative Assistant Update** – Due to health issues Carol Lyman was forced to decline the position of administrative assistant and we wish her well. Fortunately for our school Principal Salva was able to hire Lisa Gutting to fill the position.
- F. Uniform Issues** – Principal Salva proposed offering school parents the option of using Land's End for their uniform needs with the exception of our school plaid which isn't currently carried by Land's End and would still need to be purchased from Educational Outfitters in Lansing. The board approved the request.
- G. Marketing** – Principal Salva met with the new Principal from St. Thomas who indicated she had some concern about being able to take on more students for the upcoming school year and offered to hand out St. Paul School marketing material on our behalf. Kris Russo was able to put together the information and bring it to St. Thomas.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Committee Chair Appointments were confirmed as follows

- 1. Finance – Dale Manske
- 2. Marketing – Todd Mellema
- 3. School Enhancement – Celine Terranova with help from Emily Teed
- 4. Fund Raising and Grants – Greg Lauria
- 5. Technology – Steve Cole

B. Jeff Potter will send committee chair outlines to all.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45PM

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 21

Regards,

Steve Cole, Secretary