

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Committee Report Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2008
IC Education Center - Multi-Purpose Room- 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Scanlan, Jody Lenz, Krissy Dalton, Rita Riley, Laura Jo Jarchow, Jacquie Graham, Kris and Chad Denucci, Denise Faaren, Donald Donaldson, Angie Effertz, Kate Harrold, Monika Fuchs, Jo Germain, Louise Brown, Patty and Wayne Johnson, Sherry Wolf-Halonen, Joan and John Simpson, Matt and Heather Casey, Tanya Weinzierl, Mari Zarconi-Patterson (19 families represented)

CALL TO ORDER/PRAYER: Patty Johnson called the meeting to order and led the group in an opening prayer. Patty introduced herself as the current Home and School Association President along with the other officers; Tim Scanlan-Vice President, Louise Brown-Secretary.

ROLL CALL/SECRETARY'S REPORT: Roll call was sent around the room and the November 2007 minutes were presented. The November minutes were posted on the St. Mary's website. A motion was made by Sherry Halonen to approve the November minutes and seconded by Tanya Weinzierl.

ALUMNI COMMITTEE UPDATE: Matt Casey, Alumni Committee Co-chair, talked about Casino Night which will be held January 26, 2008 from 7:00-11:00p.m. at the K.C. Hall in New Richmond. Invitations were sent out to 155 St. Mary's alumni. Matt said that everyone is invited, so please pass the information to those that have not received an invitation. The cost is \$40.00 per person and includes hors d'oeuvres and desserts. A cash bar will be available. There will be Black Jack tables, Bingo, Craps tables and prizes that will "wow" you. This is an event you won't want to miss!

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Chad Denucci, and members of the Budget Committee, have been preparing the proposed budget for 2008-2009 school year. This is done to set tuition/fees, teacher's salaries, and to provide our families information for planning their budgets for the coming year. Chad prepared a Power Point presentation which outlined the current year's update, proposed structural changes for 2008-2009, enrollment projections, the proposed operating budget, proposed tuition increases and some comparable school information.

Overall, we are on target to finish the 2007-2008 school year at or above budget. Chad's discussion focused on the proposed structural changes and changes in the tuition/fee structure which are keys to balancing the budget for 2008-2009.

Proposed structural changes: Since there has been a declining interest in the Pre-School Program, it is proposed the NR4Kids Charter Program at St. Mary's expand to compete with the communities increasing demand.

Expand NR4Kids Charter Program

- Add another session
- Increase the capacity to 48 students

Expand the Wrap Around Childcare

- Add a morning session
- Increase the capacity to 24 children

Eliminate the Pre-School Program

Proposed tuition and fee increases: Chad reminded the group that these rates are comparable to the surrounding schools.

K-8 tuition:

Non-Parishioner Rate	\$2550/student (a \$100 increase)
Parishioner Discount	\$200/student
Parishioner Rate	\$2350/student (the non-parishioner rate less the discount)

K-8 fees:

Athletic Fee	\$60/student/sport (a \$10 increase)
Wrap Around Childcare:	
5 days/wk	\$80/wk (a \$10 increase)
4 days/wk	\$73/wk (a \$9 increase)
3 days/wk	\$62/wk (an \$8 increase)
2 days/wk	\$46/wk (a \$6 increase)
1day/wk	\$25/wk (a \$3 increase)
After School Care	\$4/hour (a \$.50 increase)

Chad concluded his presentation by reminding the group about registration for the 2008-2009 school year. Registration forms for K-8 are due February 11, 2008. Registration forms for NR4Kids are due March 14, 2008. Registration forms for K-8 will be sent home in the family folder and forms for NR4Kids are available on the NR school district website beginning Feb. 1st. Wrap Around Childcare forms will also be available Feb. 1st.

NEXT MEETINIG: Patty Johnson proposed the next Home and School Meeting scheduled for February 4, 2008 be postponed to February 11, 2008 due to conflicts with the Mardi Gras celebration. Tanya Weinzierl made a motion to move the meeting to February 11, 2008 and seconded by Sherry Halonen. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS: Sherry Halonen reminded everyone to come and join the fun at Mardi Gras, scheduled for February 5, 2008. We still need some volunteers to help with clean up. If you are available to help, please contact Sherry.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Mari led the group in a final prayer.

Our next meeting will take place February 11, 2008 in the IC Education Center Multi-Purpose Room at 6:30 p.m. and childcare will be provided.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Brown-secretary