

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMISSION
January 5, 2010 Action Minutes

In attendance: Suzanne Siekawitch (Principal), Mike Therrell, Heidi Pike, Catia Manuel, Meg Krikawa, and Nancy Finkeldei (Chair/Recorder)

1. NEW TEACHER

- Suzanne announced that a new teacher for 4th and 5th grade class was Ms. Jill Warner. She comes to St. Michael with an impressive educational background and life experiences. Parental feedback after the first week of school has been positive.

2. CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

- Catholic Schools Week is January 31 to February 5 this year. Students will be making cards for patients at Providence hospital as well as Valentine cards for the 39'ers luncheon in February as a part of a service project for Catholic Schools Week. Mrs. Konold's class is also planning to do something in observance of this annual celebration of Catholic Schools. Students will also be participating at a mass during this week.
- Suzanne also mentioned the deadline for applying to the Fulcrum Foundation for tuition assistance is January 29. Registration packets for the 2010-11 school year are being sent out and are due January 15. Registrations returned after that date will incur an increased registration fee.
- St. Michael will host two School Open Houses on January 10 and on March 10. Several parents from St. Michael will give talks about the school at masses January 24 and 31 at Holy Cross, St. Mary if the Valley, and St. Michael.

3. PTO UPDATE

- The next PTO meeting is Thursday, January 21. The school also plans to assist the Knights of Columbus with selling tickets for their annual raffle.
- Heidi received information on having a Family Reading Night and was excited about the prospect. More details to follow.
- Holly Rice will be chairing the Sally Foster (or other) fall fundraiser next fall.
- Heidi reported the Pastry Puffins fundraiser netted the school nearly \$1,000 profit. It was very easy to do and recommended we do the fundraiser again next year. Now that funds are available, we will need to make a decision concerning the purchase of playground equipment.
- The School Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Friday, January 29.

4. SPIRITUAL LIFE AND SCHOOL COMMISSION TABS ON WEBSITE

- Suzanne asked the members to think about and bring back their ideas on what content should be put under the Spiritual Life tab on the school website. What

makes us a Catholic School? Searching other Catholic School websites might give us some inspiration for our own.

- Likewise, the School Commission tab also needs some content. Nancy suggested we place the minutes of the School Commission meetings under that tab. Suzanne will contact Bill Edgar to have that done as well as put links to past meeting minutes. The purpose of the School Commission should also be included.
- The School Commission does have a draft of a constitution, but it has not been approved. Suzanne will email a copy of the draft to members for review and discussion at the next meeting.

5. HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH

- Deacon Gene Vanderzanden was a guest at the meeting and presented information on the 4-part educational series being presented at St. Michael Church on "How to Share Your Faith." The series will include teaching, discussion, sharing and practical suggestions for feeling more comfortable in sharing your Catholic faith. He asked school commission members to consider participating in the series on either Sundays or Mondays beginning January 24 and concluding February 21. The only cost is \$10.75 per family for books.
- Suzanne will send a copy of the information flyer home to parents.

6. NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at 5:45 pm.