

**ST. CHARLES SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2007 7:00**

ATTENDEES:

Cathy Illman, Kathy Mueller, Jeff Dobbe, Tom Harter, Kris Tomkiewicz, Rick Olejnik, Doug Dunlop, Pat Gross, Teri Schmidt, Lori Stortz

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Margaret Wieland

1. Opening Prayer/Quote

Opening prayer/quote delivered by Pat Gross

2. Approval of August minutes

Jeff Dobbe made a motion to approve the October, 2007 minutes. Kris made a second of the motion to approve the October, 2007 minutes.
Minutes approved.

3. Open Floor Parish/School Families

*Mary Stawicki gave a presentation of the Middle School Math Program.

Highlights: Students take algebra. Many other catholic schools in the area do not offer algebra. We don't teach geometry because high schools won't accept the credit unless it is taken in high school.

*Dress Code- Teachers asked if we could ease up on tucking in shirts. They are asking to try it for a period of time. Teachers are spending too much time in middle school reprimanding kids for tucking in their shirts. Doug will bring it to Fr. Tom. Committee gave Mary the go ahead to try it for a month. Doug will give committee an update at next month's meeting.

*Lynn Rose reported that ordering hot lunch online has been going well.

4. Principal Report/Doug Dunlop

a. School Status

*CPR Training was given on inservice days. 10 more staff members are certified.

*Webgrader-First report cards will be on this format.

*Fr. Tom met with each class this last month. Teachers will continue communication with him to come throughout the year. Doug is encouraging teachers to do this at least 2 more times.

*Picture retakes Friday November 16th.

*Christmas Concert will be Tuesday, December 11th.

Home and School will provide refreshments after.

*Principals coffee will be on Friday, December 14 after mass in the Borromeo Room. The topic is Safeguarding God's Children.

*Student Count-197

*Fifth grade was given a survey about the class. Mrs. Grolemond has been following up with interviews. As a result, follow up activities are being planned and implemented. Doug will send home a note to parents letting them know what steps are being taken to help with issues that occur in the classroom.

*Doug gave committee a handout explaining discipline policy.

If a student gets 5 checks, they will be given a lunch detention. After 3 lunch detentions during a semester, they will receive an after-school detention. The detentions will continue to be after-school until the 7th one is earned. At this point, the student will serve an in-school suspension.

Twice a quarter, students will have a fresh start.

The policy was approved.

Further research will be done on the "Catch Them Being Good" program.

*A large discussion occurred regarding teachers, student programs, classroom dynamics.

Recommendations: A parent survey will be sent out as soon as possible. Teri will send the committee a survey via email for the committee to approve.

Closing prayer delivered by Pat Gross.

The next meeting will be held on December 18th at 7:00pm in the school library.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

CATHY ILLMAN, SECRETARY
ST. CHARLES SCHOOL COMMITTEE