

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING January 24, 2012

Members Present: Becky Ondash, Lissa Rexing, Mary Goedde, Melba Wilderman, Chris Fehrenbacher, Marcia Frey, Keri Hartz, Brent Holweger, Mark Messal, Kathy Schenk, and Eran Happe. Special guest: Zachary Ondash, representing Boy Scouts

OPENING PRAYER: Brent Holweger

A. Roll call and review of October minutes

- correct name in minutes to remove Kathy Weber and replace with Kathy Schenk
- Mary asked Melba about 3rd grade test requirement from state of Indiana (different than ISTEP). Indiana has mandated a test for all 3rd grade students called I Read that will occur in between the two ISTEP tests this spring.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Handbook-revisited class size limits and the need to add to the handbook. Class size was set at 25 students during our previous discussions but allowing for exceptions when necessary, with the approval of the school board.
2. Technology- Melba is still trying to get professional development for the teachers with new smartboards.
3. Public Relations-Winterfest was a HUGE success! Come and See night is scheduled for February 2, 2012.
4. Athletic Committee- November meeting. Lights were changed in the gym. 3 & 4 grade boys' league was held in the gym as well as 5th grade boys tournament.
5. Ethics Committee-nothing
4. Parent Survey Committee-no surveys sent. Done on an as needed basis.

OLD BUSINESS- Mr. Wilson, Melba, and Sharon Vogler have started the Facebook page creation process. Also discussed increasing media coverage for our school events. Kathy would like to take the lead on composing some articles for newspaper submission.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT --- Melba provided more information on the Minds in Motion program that has been initiated by Sr. Bridget aimed at developing both sides of the brain.

NEW BUSINESS –2012/2013 school calendar. The issue of teacher-student communication methods was discussed to address more uniformity among the teachers' means of delivering classroom information (i.e. tests, assignments). Identified a need for each teacher to communicate their preferred means of relaying information to each class.

CLOSING PRAYER: group

Next Meeting: March 5, 2012 6 p.m.

Deadline for packet reports: February 26, 2012

Opening Prayer: Lissa Rexing