

**Cathedral Parish Board of Education Meeting
Monday, February 22, 2010**

I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Steve Harter.

II. Opening Prayer

- Opening prayer was offered by Jane Ohl.

III. Roll Call

- Roll call was taken by Kim Scott.
- Members present were: Very Rev. John Myler, Dr. Kay Bennett, Steve Harter, Nick Lang, Judy Kelley, Mary Konradt, Jane Ohl, Randy Bastian, and Kim Scott.
- Members absent were: Jane Stock and Michele Storment.
- Guests were: Mrs. Debbie Hoffman, Mrs. Sandy Casson, Ms. Susan Ratkewicz, and Mr. Dave Schmidt.

IV. January 2010 Meeting Minutes

- a. No additions, corrections, deletions to the minutes.
- b. Mary Konradt made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Nick Lang.

V. Additions to Agenda

- After a brief discussion, it was decided that approved minutes would be posted on the school's website.

VI. New Business

a. *Parents Club – no report.*

b. *Athletics – Dave Schmidt*

- Bleachers can be shipped anytime after March 15, 2010. Installation should begin after April 1, 2010.
- The lobby of the McCormick Center is being painted.
- The Chicken Wing Dance will be held on March 27, 2010 at the Elk's Lodge.
- The new crucifix for the McCormick Center will be placed after the bleachers are installed.
- Current athletics include girls' basketball and boys' volleyball.

c. *Teacher Report – Debbie Hoffman*

- Mrs. Hoffman has taught at Cathedral for 33 years.
- Currently, she teaches 5th-8th grade social studies, 8th grade math, and 8th grade English.
- 5th -8th grade are all involved in various social studies projects.

- Mrs. Hoffman recently finished a technology workshop to help enrich the upper grade curriculum.
- d. *Teacher Report – Sandy Casson*
- Mrs. Casson teaches 5th-8th grade reading, 6th grade English, 6th grade computers, and 6th grade art.
 - She is integrating technology into her curriculum, including discussions of current events from the CNN website.
 - Mrs. Casson offers a book club that meets bimonthly. The book club is well attended.
- e. *Teacher Report – Susan Ratkewicz*
- Ms. Ratkewicz teaches all core subjects for 4th grade.
 - The 4th grade class has been focusing on learning the states and capitols.
 - They also successfully completed their first science fair.
 - Ms. Ratkewicz's class has been involved with an Art program with Kay Renner through SWIC. The students will be visiting the SWIC Schmidt Art Center.
 - Ms. Ratkewicz coaches the 7th and 8th grade girls' volleyball.
- f. *The Parish School of Religion – Jane Ohl*
- A handout concerning various PSR and Parish events was distributed.
 - A letter from Sr. Tess regarding the attendance concerns was attached to the handout.
- g. *Adult Education – Nick Lang*
- Beginning this Thursday, the Family Faith Formation Evenings will start. The evening begins at 6:30pm with a simple meal. All family members are encouraged to participate.
 - There are now two additional CD racks for the Lighthouse Media CD's. Some new titles have been added bringing the total to more than 20 titles offered.

VII. Old Business

- The By-Laws for the Cathedral Parish Board of Education were reviewed. The few questions that still remain will need to be addressed with Fr. Myler.

VIII. Principal's Report – Dr. Kay Bennett

- Updates on the Annual Fund were provided.
- Dr. Bennett discussed the various activities that went on during Catholic Schools Week.

- The Pennies War held by the students was very successful. The students raised \$747.92, which will be donated to the Pregnancy Care Center.
- The school will be leasing two new copiers. The old ones will be donated to the rectory, and possibly Althoff.
- Thursday and Friday of this week will be the annual Mid-Year Principals' Retreat. Dr. Bennett will be attending.
- A Gibault senior will be here for the next three weeks to complete her service project. She will be aiding the ELC and Pre-K classrooms.
- Starting this Thursday, a student-teacher will be working with Linda Hobbs (5th grade) and Sandy Casson (6th grade).
- The cafeteria project should be ready to start this summer. The initial estimates have been provided. The furniture has not yet been decided.
- A donation from the Peter Caponi Family in memory of Delores Caponi will be remembered with a plaque on the new library shelves that will be purchased with their gift.
- The Parent Tech Night has been rescheduled for Monday, March 29th from 6:30-7:30pm. It will coincide with the Spring Book Fair.
- Mr. Thien will be out for additional surgery.
- The grade school will be participating in the "Drive Away Hunger" project. This will begin in the middle of March and run until the middle of April.
- Dr. Bennett provided a handout regarding various positions within the Parish.
- The technology grant will no longer include Kindles. The textbooks that are used are not available on Kindles.
- Changes for next year's Science Fair were discussed. The fair will run over several days to allow all parents to view the projects.
- Concerns over the 7th grade Theology of the Body course were discussed.

IX. Administrator's Report – Very Rev. John Myler

- Fr. Myler has been teaching Latin to the 5th grade class. They will be sharing a Latin lunch together next week.
- Fr. Myler has been visiting the 3rd grade class as well. They recently discussed Moses.

X. Committee Reports

- A Legislature representative is needed. This person will filter ongoing legislative actions, bills and correspondences.

XI. Future Meeting Agenda Items

- Anyone interested in chairing “Keep Belleville Beautiful” should contact Steve Harter.

XII. Executive Session Items (none)

XIII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm by Jane Ohl and seconded by Randy Bastian.

XIV. Closing Prayer

- Closing prayer was offered by Judy Kelley.

Respectfully submitted by: Kim Scott, Secretary February 23, 2010