

**St. Cecilia Parish Board of Education Meeting  
August 2, 2005**

**Members Present:** Monte Streits, President, Todd Clancy, Vice-Pres., Larry Gross, Rev. Terry Rassmussen, Judy Rudman, Mark Gannon

**Members Excused:** Gary Gorman, Pat Halbur

**Administrators Present:** John Hayes, DRE, Duane Siepker, Principal

**Ex-Officio Member Present:** Tiffany Walker (FSA)

Before the meeting started Mr. Siepker gave the board a tour of the improvements made to the school during the summer. Some improvements included - new ceiling tile in kitchen, painted walls, multipurpose room flooring fixed, carpet stretched in 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms and the preschool room. Also looked at newly decorated preschool room and talked about busing/parking outside

The meeting was called to order by President Monte Streit at 7:13pm.  
Father Terry opened with a prayer  
The minutes from the June 7, 2005 meeting were approved.

Monte reviewed the Internal Board Operation policies that were handed out to all board members. He talked about what the board policies and procedures are and the role that the board plays in working with administrators.

Address changes were made to the board of education roster.

**Administrative Reports:**

**Director of Religious Education:** John Hayes spoke of how they ended the year in the black; they are working hard on the Generations of Faith program for this fall. They will be taking registrations at the Corn Fest. Paula Tieg has agreed to help with the food planning for the meals during the Generations of Faith classes. John Hayes will meet with children and parents going through First Reconciliation and First Communion - they will have approximately three meeting with the families and also at home programs. RCIA has been meeting all summer with approximately three couples attending and more will be joining in the fall.

**Principal:** Mr. Siepker spoke of how they ended the year 4.61% over budget. He reported that they added more pea gravel to the playground at a total cost of \$638.64 - this was paid for by box top for education money. He also submitted a report that showed how insurance premiums would increase.

**Committee Reports:**

**FSA:** Tiffany reported that the new board hasn't met yet so not much has been planned. Parent night will be Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. There will be a swim party to kickoff the school year on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> . It was clarified that the preschool families will be included in all St. Cecilia family events.

**Parish Council:** Fr. Terry reported that they will be installing a new back-up boiler and the parish will be taking care of this cost.

**Finance:** Monte talked about how he looked at the finance report with Mr. Siepker. He said that Duane does a great job of watching the finances and Duane will continue to keep a very close eye on the budget.

**Other:**

All classes except for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade are full. Mr. Siepker will have final student count after school starts.

John has been advertising to get a long-range planning committee started and he already has three people interested in joining the committee.

**Unfinished Business:**

***Boiler:*** Discussed earlier

***Kindergarten proposal:*** Kindergarten directive accepted.

**New Business:**

***Committee Assignments:*** Board members signed up for committees.

***Catholic Mutual's Safety Inspection Report:*** Board reviewed report.

***Other:*** Monte will address school families at parent night if needed.

Monte and the other members spoke of how we really need to focus on the long-term planning for St. Cecilia - where do we want to be in the next 5-10-15 years. The board will spend a lot of time and focus on this issue during the school year as they really want to plan what is best for the school and what it takes to help us grow into a wonderful school for our children.

**Additions to the Agenda:**

Todd made a motion that was seconded by Judy that the board will accept the resignation of Mrs. Alberts who accepted a teaching job in West Bend that will keep her closer to her husband and family. A motion was then made by Judy and seconded by Larry that they would give the second grade position to Mr. Uhlenkamp. Todd then made a motion that was seconded by Mark that Mr. Siepker can interview and hire a person to fill the part-time technology position. All present board members voted in favor of these motions.

**Pastoral Comments:** Fr. Terry along with the help of Judy Rudman will be looking at putting together an enrichment seminar of sharing of ideas for the school board members and parish council.

Fr. Terry mentioned that Rev. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, author of *The Holy Longing* will be coming to the Gateway Center in the spring and highly recommend board members and parishioners attend this seminar. He will present more information as it becomes available.

Father also mentioned that Mrs. Albert's resignation will be a great loss for our school - she was a very loved and respected teacher.

The board expressed appreciation to Mr. Siepker for handling the resignation of Mrs. Alberts and the promotion of Mr. Uhlenkamp in such a quick and timely manner. Following a group prayer, the meeting adjourned at 8:32.

***Submitted by***  
Tiffany Walker