

## Board of Education Special Meeting

January 21, 2008, Library Conference Room

Members present: Larry Gross, Kathy Wipf, Judy Rudman, Todd Clancy, Tim Simodynes, Pat Stahr, Rick Hoenig

Administrators present: Duane Siepker

Other participants: Karen Kerns, Development Commission; Joel Thilges, Finance??? Commission

The meeting was called to order by President, Larry Gross at 5:34pm. The purpose of the meeting was to address factors affecting class enrollment and space issues.

Joel presented documentation regarding space issues that was researched through the SEE Committee process. He explained how fire and building code policies affect student recruitment and possible solutions. A transition plan which reduces single section class sizes and accepts students on the waiting list by creating a multi-grade classroom as well as restricting 2 section classes to 23 students to follow fire and building code policies was discussed.

Pat expressed support for existing enrollment policies, stating that the status of current enrollment allows for flexibility with classroom space. He expressed concern that a situation could develop in several years in which future students would not be able to attend St. Cecilia School.

Karen Kerns discussed the need for development of plans for:

- 1) Communication
- 2) Recruitment
- 3) Curriculum
- 4) Personnel
- 5) Distribution of students

As well as the importance of holding a parent information session to discuss the multi-grade classroom plan with families. Having the potential multi-grade classroom teacher, possibly an AEA representative, and showing informational videos on multi-grade classrooms was discussed.

Mr. Siepker stated that he supported the BOE plans but action needed to be taken promptly. Given projected growth through 2011-2012 school year and beyond, Judy moved to adopt the Transition Plan for student recruitment ([spreadsheet attached](#)). This plan is informed by space restrictions due to fire and building codes declaring that no rooms may exceed 50 person capacity. Todd made a second to the motion which passed with one dissenting vote.

Todd moved and Kathy made a second that the previous Class Size Policy 103.1\$ be amended to account for future impact of fire and building code restrictions. This would result in all 2 section classes having a maximum of 23 students until such time that additional facilities/modifications occur to accommodate students beyond current fire/building code restrictions. The policy amendment passed with a 4:2 count.

Todd made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned which was supported by Kathy. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.