

Education Commission
March 3, 2010

ATTENDEES: Jo Rhoten, Molly Edmondson, John Hill, Dave Volk, Frank Haas, Linda Fasola, Ralph Maresco, Amy Maricocchi, Sue Morman, Colleen Schultheis, John Cummins

OPENING PRAYER: Amy Maricocchi

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The February 2010 Minutes were approved. The motion for approval was made by Dave Volk, seconded by Amy Maricocchi and unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. School – Jo Rhoten:

- Open House was Feb. 4; had a huge turnout and it was a big success. There were Fine Arts displays every 15 minutes by the children, as well as artwork displayed. A big thank you to Julie Batsch, Laura Stiles, and Maureen Gregory!
- Mexican delegation/exchange students – was a great experience and the kids had a lot of fun!
- There will be a power point document put on the web that highlights the Terra Nova successful results
- 6th and 7th grades are piloting a program called “Criterion Online Writing”, a web-based writing program; the teacher creates the parameters and the children write on-line, and get instant feedback on grammar, spelling, and punctuation. If it is a success, it can be expanded to more grades next year.

2. Pastoral Council – Paul Madix was not present but sent the following report from their last meeting:

- Parish Campaign update - tracking well to forecast
- Parish Council Constitution and By-Laws were reviewed
- Discussed Talents Plan Goal 7 on increasing vocations with help of a Vocation and Faith Formation commission
- Discussed details related to upcoming Parish Council elections in March

3. PTO –Colleen Schultheis

- Yearbooks will be going on sale soon
- Local author Book Fair will be held on April 27

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Fine Arts – Amy Maricocchi

- No news to report

ONGOING BUSINESS:

1. Grant Writing
 - Discussed the possibility of PTO paying for the grant training fee; further discussions will be held with the PTO
 - Friday, March 19, 9-3:30 – Day 1 of training with Dr. Brooks. Attendees will represent the school (teachers and parents) and parish.
 - Doug Brooks will help narrow down the focus of our goal, and which grants to apply for based on the goal.
 - Technology Goal: Wireless campus so that technology is accessible to students at all times
2. Blue Ribbon Schools – No news to report
3. Tuition Task Force – No News to report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2010 Surveys – Kindergarten, 4th and 7th
 - Surveys for 7th should have questions about the new Fine Arts schedule and content, wireless cart and technology usage
 - Survey subcommittee will work on surveys and report back at the next meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Education Commission meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2010 at 7:30 pm.

CLOSING PRAYER: Linda Fasola

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:00 pm