

***SAINT BRIDGET SCHOOL
PTO MEETING MINUTES
DRAFT***

Meeting Date: April 29, 2009

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Attendees: Fr. Mahoney, Mr. C, Faculty, Parents and Guardians

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Action Items
Welcome	7:07 Carol McClintock calls meeting to order.	
Opening Prayer	Fr. Mahoney leads group in prayer.	
Pastor's Report	<p>Fr. Mahoney reports:</p> <p>Grades 1 & 5 did a great job with the school mass. Fr. was invited to read for Dr. Seuss' birthday – the kids were wonderful March 7th was the most successful dinner/dance/auction – thanks to all involved March 22nd the St. Patrick's Day Parade – 1st prize for Spirit! Continued thanks to Ms. Cotter and the 8th grade for the Saints Program Fr. was very pleased with Open House Principal for a Day – pictures in both the Ledger and the Mariner – The event was great publicity for the school Fr. reiterated that the economy is tanking and St. Vincent is busier than ever There is a projected decrease in the enrollment Thanks to the dedicated staff Looking at long term resources needed to best educate our children Holy Week – was beautiful; there is an increase in participation at liturgy</p>	
Principal's Report	<p>Mr. C reports:</p> <p>Mr. C has met with the faculty to discuss the economy Times are volatile and staffing is based on enrollment Salaries come from tuition; numbers are still not known for next school year He reports that the school has little in terms of curriculum resources There are no easy answers; all decisions will be based on improving teaching & learning He announces a full day preschool program His projections are for 1 Kindergarten, 1 1st grade and 2 second grades The 1st grade will have 1 teacher and 1 full time aide If the # of 2nd graders drops then there would possible be one 2nd grade</p> <p>Needs Assessment – this was done with the staff to see what resources the school needs</p> <p>Tuition – will be set in May</p>	

Questions: what is a big classroom?
Answer: more than 32 -35

Dinner/Dance/Auction was wonderful and will provide great things for the school

St. Patrick's Parade – 1st Prize for Spirit; truly shows school spirit

Commends the Saints Program

Commends the Enrichment Programs and thanks Ann Toomey

Commends the Basketball Program and the coordinators

Wonderful Open House and Book Fair

Principal for a Day – thanks to Mike Belton and his family; good fun day

Secretary Day – school appreciated Mrs. Johnson

Questions? No

Needs Assessments Presented by Mr. Smith

The school is NEASC accredited and continuous improvement
of the school is a requirement for this.

A committee has been looking at Instruction and Learning; standards of instruction

Mr. Smith has been aligning the Math Curriculum throughout school and
is moving onto English

Mr. Smith has been examining the Terra Nova results to see where are needs are

St. Bridget's always scores high nationally on this exam, but we can do better

Examining the data, Mr. Smith can pin point specific areas in Math or Geography
where our teaching, curriculum or resources can be improved.

Lower scores show curriculum weaknesses

Over the next two years he will do a writing assessment

All together this data tells us what we need:

Specifically the committee is recommending the following purchases:

Social Studies: maps and globes for every classroom

Map and globe carts for primary grades

\$5000

Science: our program is more a reading program not hands on Grades 6 & 7 need the kits that go with their textbooks Purchase science kits, balance scales and microscopes	\$3000
Math: newer classes need math manipulatives	\$1000
English Language: grade level libraries 2 nd Second Grade will need books	\$1000
Pre School –support tools for new program	\$1500
Field Trips – to cover bus transportation for all field trips	\$3500
All students are required to have 900 minutes of learning per subject.	
Question about foreign languages being offered? We offer Latin	

President's Report/Treasurer's Report

Carol hands out the current and projected budgets.

The Dinner Dance netted \$17,485.14

At present time PTO projected to net \$20,541.30

There is profit money from past years in CDs: total amount in CDs \$70,000

Last year we didn't want to spend down the profits too much in preparation for a possible loss this year.

Carol suggests long term investments

If we donate \$30,000 to the school that is over \$100 per students

The Spring Dance netted better than last year and our projections

Do we put the Field Trip Money into the PTO as a line item or
Leave it lumped into the greater sum?

Vote to approve a \$3500 line item for field trips?

Vote
Approved

Vote to give the money to the school from the PTO profits

Vote
Approved

It is mentioned that we should publicize the improvements to
technology in our school

Secretary Report

Vote to approve February 2009 minutes

Approved

Upcoming Events

Good Search: a search engine online gives profits back to school
It is suggested we promote using this.

Teacher Lunch – the first week in May

Welcome Tea – has been changed to September

Will more Gym T-shirts be sold? Can we switch colors

no decision made

Sox Top Program – no longer running

Openings in the PTO

Amanda Adamczyk is thanked for her service.
Vacancy is discussed since Amanda is stepping down

PTO approves another year of Denise Torrez as President in Training
Carol McClintock as Acting President and Treasurer
Karli DoKurno is elected as the new Secretary

Mary Cellini notes interest in acting as a Treasurer in Training

Closing Prayer