

**Mother of Good Counsel
School Committee
December 7, 2011**

Present: R.Shaw, R.Tourtillott, P.Morse, D.Scholz, J.Schwartz, E. Smith, S.Gleesing, J.Humm
Absent: Fr. Bob

Note taker: Pat Morse

- I. Opening prayer: Jon
- II. Open Discussion (10 minutes)

A parent voiced concern that a small number of students have achieved their AR (Accelerated Reading) goals for the first quarter. Regina said AR is usually off to a slow start in the first quarter. There is an entire school goal for the school year of a reward of reverse free-dress for a week. There will also be scheduled AR time events with Mrs. Shaw for those that are having difficulty with meeting their goal. Goals are set based on a student's reading level and is calculated based on a student reading for at least 30 minutes a day. The School is buying more non-fiction books. There is a strong move toward inclusion of non-fiction reading for pleasure than in the past.

Shawn asked several questions. Was the Choice audit completed? Yes. Could we get a Student Council going? – Right now there isn't anyone available as an Advisor to commit the time needed for a successful Student Council. Extra time is being devoted to curriculum development. Can we put the meeting agenda in Kid Mail the week before the meeting? – We'll start with the February meeting. Rick will be responsible for submitting the agenda for Kid Mail. Any thought to renaming the middle school classrooms from A & B? – The committee discussed and agreed that A & B will remain for the time being. Idea – fundraiser of selling day passes to the Country Springs Water Park. This suggestion will be passed along to the Home and School board.

III. Review of November minutes – three minor corrections

IV. Discipline - Nothing significant this past month from Regina

V. Committee Updates

a. Finance Update - Current Enrollment from Regina – 222 – 208 K4 through 8 & 14 in K3. Transportation was an issue for two siblings that withdrew. We are now in an open enrollment period for January, 2012. At this point, enrollment is closed for K3, K4, 5th & 6th grades.

b. Curriculum Committee update – the latest meeting date was Wednesday, 11/16. Next meeting will be mid-January.

c. Collaboration with St. Margaret Mary School – update – The staff of St. MM was here after school on Friday, 11/11. Also there was Sue Nelson from the Archdiocese. She reiterated that we are forming a new model of collaboration that strengthens both schools. Individual teacher visits are planned for the January, 2012 through March, 2012, period.

VI. Winners from the latest parent survey – Laura Morales & Anne Genzmer – both will be named in Kid Mail.

Other - "School Zone" signs – Regina has spoken with the neighborhood associates. There is a School Zone sign on Burleigh but not on Lisbon. Regina tried to push this issue with Milwaukee Police District 7 to no avail. Rick will contact the alderman. We would like to get a Speed zone sign for Eastbound Lisbon Avenue.

Athletic coaches and discipline/grades issues – Regina reported we can't provide coaches with this information.

VII. Closing Prayer – Pat