

St. Simon School Commission Minutes

January 20, 2011

Call to Order

The meeting attendees were Pat Hurley, Francie Flood, Suzanne Collins, Jeff Wong, John Kirkpatrick, Maria Knight, Brian Carroll, Father Bill Marks, Donovan Yarnall, Laura Mates, Irene Kovacs and Steve Koers (Executive Council). Pat Hurley began the meeting with a prayer.

Administrator's Report – Donovan Yarnall

A. Enrollment

- 3 open houses have taken place
 1. November 1st had 20 families attend
 2. 26 families attended the second open house
 3. The third had a meeting with one family
- 46 new applications have been turned in (this is not counting current students)
- A new seventh grader should be starting this month
- Discussed low PreK numbers and the different possibilities of extended Pre-care or after school care options to help entice two income families
- Current enrollment stands at 734

B. Dress Code review

- New pants from Campus Outfitters will be embroidered to eliminate the tag issue. School Bells will still have the tags that have not caused problems.
- Discussion around girls having simple once color (found within the school uniform) hair accessories
- Pants/shorts must wear a leather belt that is brown or black with a plain buckle
- Natural colored low top shoes with natural colored shoe strings with crew socks
- Boys must wear a brown or black leather belt with plain buckle
- Natural colored low top shoes with natural colored shoe strings with crew socks

C. Cafeteria

- Starting February 21, there will be a rotation of four new food bars in the cafeteria (pizza, taco, pasta, expanded salad bar)
- The ala cart line will only be open for the last 10 minutes of each lunch hour

D. Third grade class

- Discussed combining the four classes into three in the fifth grade to give a year of transition before middle school
- Fourth grade can have one class down stairs with no immediate needs/changes to the building
- Sixth grade is when the change officially needs to take place due to students rotating to specialized classes (middle school)

- Currently 90 students in the class
- Motion for the option to combine in fifth grade and hire a part time math and language teacher to help with the transition, was passed unanimously
- Parents will be informed of the decision prior to the Monday, January 24, 2011 to give time to prepare for Wednesday 1/26/11 town hall meeting.

E. School Calendar

- 2011/12 schedule was discussed
- School starts August 11
- 12/22 is last day of class prior to Christmas break
- 1/10/12 is first day back to school
- 5/30/12 is last day of school

Committee Reports

Due to the third grade class discussion there were no committee reports.

Pastor's Comments

- Father Bill is petitioning for a sabattical in 2012. It would last from February through August.

Future Topics

- Spanish program in junior high
- Band/Art/Choir for arts credit in school

Father Bill closed the meeting with a prayer. .