

**Education Committee Minutes
December 2, 2008**

Members Present: Mary Piasecki, Amy Matuga, Lisa Dumont, Candy Taber, Angie Doffing

Members Absent: Mary Seyer, Jen Mackley

Opening Prayer: Mary Piasecki

Minutes Approved from November 4, 2008: no action taken

Field Trip money refund policy – After a lengthy discussion, the committee agreed that a policy needs to be established regarding field trip fees, including the cost of the busing services. It was determined by the committee to initiate a policy that allows St Patrick School to retain \$2.00 from each field trip fee charged to a student requiring busing in the event the student pays for the field trip but is consequently unable to attend. The committee supports this decision based on the fact that St Patrick School is charged a fee prior to the event by the bus company and does not receive a lower rate if less students use the bus service on the day of the actual field trip. Bus fees are based on an hourly rate and mileage fee. As a result, if St Patrick School does not retain the \$2.00 fee, the school will be losing money. It was also agreed upon that a prepaid ticket to a field trip event will not be refunded by the school. Mary Piasecki will work out the details of the policy with Christy Volk and the new policy will be added to the school handbook.

Family Skills Workshop – Organization is still in progress. The date is undecided, with a possible date set sometime after Easter. Angie Doffing will follow-up asking her sister to be part of the presentation, possibly involving a dance/movement presentation. Mary Piasecki added that a potential speaker could present a workshop on Theology of the Body with concepts that introduce healthy body image and self-confidence. The format is loosely structured at this time as a potluck dinner around 5:30, 6:30 dance presentation, 7:00-8:00 workshop.

Kindergarten Committee – An informal committee was formed to garner research on the options and issues affecting the establishment of an all-day kindergarten program.

Lisa - disadvantages of an all-day kindergarten program

Angie - advantages of an all-day kindergarten program

Amy - busing criteria for the Wisconsin Catholic School system

Findings will be presented at the next several Education Committee meetings.

Spirit Families – Official start will be in January

Action Items for the next meeting on January 6, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.:

Uniform Survey

Handbook revisions

Family Skills

Respectfully Submitted, Lisa Dumont; Education Committee Chairperson