

St. Lawrence School Commission

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday July 23, 2025 / Lawrenceburg Public Library / 6:30 p.m.

Members were provided the following to review prior to the meeting:

- Minutes from May meeting
- Meeting Agenda
- 2025-2026 Budget in final

I. Prayer

My Catholic School Community Stewardship Prayer

II. Attendance

Present: Father Hollowell, Dave Caldwell, Nick Wunderlich, Rocky Doller, Mary Ann Brauer, Bonni Hines, Maria Nickell, Sonny Wagner, Corey Rudolf, Jillian Fox, Ruthann Stenger

III. Prior Business

- A. Nick motioned to approve the June minutes; Bonni seconded. The minutes were unanimously accepted.
- B. Dave provided an update on hiring and staffing for the upcoming school year:
 - 1. The final new teacher was hired to replace McCann for 4th and 5th grade: Chelsea Collins.
 - 2. Every aide position is filled except for afterschool care.
 - 3. Bus drivers are hired for St. Mary's and Dillsboro commuter buses.
 - 4. Dave also secured a bus to bring the Lawrenceburg bus riders over to St. Lawrence in the morning.
- C. Budget is Finalized
 - 1. The budget is finalized and balanced; \$2.1 million in expenses and revenue.
 - 2. Ann is allocating the surplus from last year to a savings account.
 - 3. The budget is projected based on 217 kids in K-8. Per Dave, we are currently less than 10 kids away from that projection.
 - 4. Dave adjusted the cost of after-care to increase by \$1.00 per hour.

IV. New Business

- A. Going forward we plan to publish a summary version of the minutes and possibly upcoming agendas in the Panther Post and Bulletin

1. This may also help meet Choice requirements regarding open meetings related to the budget
 2. Per Dave, we should be able to get this information on the website as well
- B. Nick handed out Conflict of Interest forms to be completed by each member and returned.

V. Introduction and Updates by Dave Caldwell

- A. Some of Dave's goals are to Build positivity, Be present, Set the tone, and Create school culture.
- B. Some changes to testing this year:
1. We invested in IXL again, this program aligns with our specific curriculum
 2. MAP testing is gone
 3. iLearn now has quarterly tests for 3rd-8th grades (4th and 6th also take science) (5th also takes social studies)
- C. We are about three years away from our next Accreditation Review

VI. School Commission goals for 2025-2026

- A. A lot of progress was made last year; some suggestions for this year:
1. Recruit new members, including non-parent members
 2. Work on policies and procedures
 3. Work together with Dave regarding where/when our help is needed
 4. Dave is going to improve communication at all levels
 5. Dave encouraged members to reach out about things he might not be seeing at the school and he'll follow up

VII. Recurring Giving/Fundraising

- A. As discussed previously, the finance committee would like to start a recurring giving program involving the parish, school and community
- B. Encourage people to be a "Mission Partner" with St. Lawrence School
- C. We already have the online donation portal to handle these donations
- D. It would be best to have all these donations go into the general operating fund so they can be used where needed as opposed to allocated towards specific projects. Acknowledged that it may be harder to get donors when they do not know exactly where the funds will be used.
- E. Finance Committee will take the lead on this and provide an update at the next meeting.

VIII. Teacher Stipends

- A. PTO would like to donate \$100 to each teacher to cover supplies. We have approx. 20 teachers
- B. SC voted to unanimously recommend that Father to allow a \$100 stipend to each teacher from the PTO funds
- C. PTO is also buying dinner for teachers on open house night

IX. School Building/Maintenance Needs

- A. There is currently no policy regarding non-employees using the building outside of school hours
- B. The water fountain on the second floor is in urgent need of repair
- C. Other maintenance needs: Painting, repairing water damage, fixing floor in gym balcony, pads in gym, light outside Hartzler Hall
 - 1. Maintenance Committee will get quotes for these projects and report back
- D. There are several items that should be removed/sold from the storage closet. Father Hollowell approved the sale of these old, unused items, including: drum sets, Bingo machines and boards, old ipads, and a dishwasher.
- E. A plaque will be made and hung in the school to honor the memory of Mr. Tibbetts
- F. Dave requests SC's help in finding someone to fill the athletic director position. He would like this to be handled by someone outside of administration.

X. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

August 5, 2025

September 2, 2025

October 7, 2025

November 4, 2025