

July 17, 2007
St Edmund Parish School Board Meeting
Minutes

Board members present: Randy Allori, Enrique Lopez, Kerry Lynch, Tracy Maney, Fr. John McGivern, Mary Prudence, Bill Streit, Susan Viselli

Board members excused: Sheila Isley, Beth Purvis

Community members present: Marie Albrecht, Maria Allori, Kakie Conroy-Lovaas

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. The opening prayer was given by Randy Allori,

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2007 meeting. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Introduction of New Principal

Our new principal, Ms. Kerry Lynch, was introduced to the board.

FSC Update- Maria Allori and Marie Albrecht

Marie and Maria provided an overview of FSC's role and structure. A review of 2006-07 accomplishments was given and included: increased parent participation, increased sense of community; more school spirit, more support of faculty and staff. Marie provided an overview of upcoming year and the planned activities.

Old Business

Retention and Registration/Summer Efforts- An Open House is planned for Sunday August 5 from 10:30am to 1:00pm. An invitation letter was mailed last week to all parishioners with children. Current families who have not reregistered were sent a bill for the \$100 registration fee. A direct mail postcard promoting the Open House was mailed to the Galewood area. An ad was placed in El Dia, a Spanish language newspaper that serves several areas, including Berwyn and Cicero. All families who have previously expressed an interest in our school will receive a flyer, e-mail and/or phone call about the Open House. Information will appear in the Echos and be provided at all masses prior to the August 5 Open House.. Ms. Lynch will speak at masses on 8/18 and 19 and the school will host the Gathering on the Green that weekend. Teachers will be encouraged to attend.

New Student Orientation- To be held August 23, 7:00pm, and Kindergarten through 8th grade children are invited. Promotion will include a mailing and a reminder phone call. The letter will be sent after the August 5 Open House. Letters will also be mailed to all registered PreK3/4 families giving them essential information for the start of school, since these children will not be included in the New Student Orientation.

District 97 Meeting- Susan Viselli and Sr. Collette Mary White represented St. Edmund Parish School at a June 14 meeting on special education services for children who attend private schools. Representatives from other Oak Park Catholic and other private schools

also attended this meeting. Susan provided clarification on several points including the fact that place of residence is not used as a determining factor in deciding which children receive services, and that Oak Park residents who attend private schools in Oak Park would (if approved) receive services at their neighborhood school within Oak Park. Nonresidents of Oak Park (if approved) would receive services at any one of the 8 neighborhood elementary schools within Oak Park, for K-5. One of the 2 middle schools would be the service site for students in grades 6-8. Discussion followed on how it might be advisable to shift our own speech pathology program to provide services and not just evaluation.

Members of Advisory Board- Our new non-parishioner member is Sheila Isley, who was unable to attend this evening's meeting. A new parishioner member remains to be identified.

Planning for PreK3 and After Care- We now offer an all-day PreK3 program and staffing issues and logistics need to be determined. PreK and kindergarten children will have after care separate from older children. Ms. Jenny Izaguirre and Ms. Priscilla Luddington who staff the aftercare room, will be consulted about implementing this separate program. They previously offered that one or more older students (grade 6 and up) from after care may be able to serve as their aide with PreK and kindergarten children, eliminating the need for an additional employee.

New Business

Welcoming Our New Principal- In addition to Ms. Lynch's presentation at 8/18 and 19 masses, there will be an article in the Echos. The local newspapers will also be notified.

Committee Chairs for 2007-08-. This issue was tabled onto the August meeting, owing to time constraints this evening.

Reports

Chairperson- Susan Viselli. A grant for an after school science program was awarded through Dominican University. A parishioner scientist was identified to be approached to help with this program implementation. Susan will follow up with contacts at Dominican University in order to obtain more information.

Pastor- Father John McGivern. There have been a lot of renovations and painting in the school. Sister Collette Mary drew murals in both the daycare and Kindergarten rooms. All teaching positions have been filled. We are ready to go for the school year.

Principal- No report.

Committee Chairs-

1. Building, Operations and Safety- Bill Streit. No report.
2. Finance- Enrique Lopez. No report.
3. Fundraising- Susan Viselli. No report.
4. Marketing and Recruitment- Mary Prudence. No report.
5. Technology- Randy Allori. No report.
6. Alumni outreach-. No report.
7. Ad hoc committee reports- No report.

Other comments- none

Next Meeting- August 14, 7:00pm; regular first Tuesday meetings will resume in September

Closing prayer- Randy Allori

Adjournment 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted by Mary Prudence on August 12, 2007