

October 2, 2007
St Edmund Parish School Board Meeting
Minutes

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

Board members excused: Beth Purvis, Tracy Maney

Community members present: Dan Kane

Opening

The meeting was called to order at 7:14pm in Murphy Hall. The opening prayer was given by Bill Streit. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2007 meeting. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comments

None

FSC Update- Marie Albrecht

A written report was submitted recapping current and upcoming activities. The group discussed promoting upcoming Market Day/pie sales through phone calls to all parents and donating pies to a local food pantry connected to the parish Harvest Saturday.

Old Business

A. New non-parishioner member of Advisory Board- This position is open and will be promoted to the entire school community through the Edmund Express.

B. PreK3- A decision has been made to hire a teacher to cover the 3-year-olds during the 8am-12pm timeslot. The daycare room will be used for this purpose. There are currently 7-8 students with several additional students on a waiting list. We will also then be able to accept more 4-year-olds. Father McGivern and Kerry Lynch expect this to be resolved very soon.

C. 90th anniversary on October 14- Kerry Lynch will talk to Alan Schmitt about school family involvement in the October 14 family mass at 9:30am. The school children will celebrate with an event on October 15 that may include the planting of a tree followed by cake in the gym. The newspapers will be notified.

New Business

A. Invoices and tuition issues

Invoices continue to require corrections. This has been repeatedly identified by the board as a critical problem requiring immediate attention and resolution. For the short – term, principal Kerry Lynch is manually correcting invoices to the best of her ability for each family. Board member Enrique Lopez will meet with school secretary Mellodie McIntyre to resolve the problems for the longer term. Three families are seriously in arrears and the board discussed the need to work on a case by case basis with each family.

B. Innisbrook and Flower Power sales

Innisbrook sales ended on September 28 and totals have yet to be tallied. Susan Viselli and Mary Prudence will process the orders. Bulb sales have just begun and include after-mass opportunities.

Reports

Chairperson- Susan Viselli.

Committees will once again be required to submit annual goals and chairs were asked to submit them at the next meeting.

Pastor- Father John McGivern.

Father shared information about the parish's Harvest Saturday food/clothes collection and prayer service on October 27. A flyer will be sent to each school family and food will be collected at school. The Educate A Child collection is being held on October 14 and a letter will be sent to parishioners, school parents and alumni.

Principal- Kerry Lynch.

The first parent meeting drew about an 80% turnout. The October school calendar has been distributed. The Mad Science program assembly was held last week. Applications are being accepted from students in grades 4-6 interested in continuing with the program.

School parent and photographer Dale DeBolt will be taking photos at the school to be used in print media. District 97 decreased our funding for special education services by \$20,000 to \$18,000 which does not bode well for future years. Manna gift card inventory will be reduced and tighter security measures will be implemented. Many volunteers require Virtus training and Kerry Lynch will provide information on local sessions.

Committee Chairs-

1. Building, Operations and Safety- Bill Streit. The stolen traffic barricade has been replaced. Morning traffic has flowed relatively smoothly. The Pleasant St door requires weatherstripping and buzzer repairs.
2. Finance- Enrique Lopez. No report.
3. Fundraising- Susan Viselli. See above.
4. Marketing and Recruitment- Mary Prudence. Registered family packets have been updated and copied for future registrants. The papers have been notified about the 90th anniversary.
5. School Improvement Process (SIP)- Mary Prudence. No report.
6. Technology- Randy Allori. Goodsearch fundraising search engine has raised \$121 to date for the school.
7. Alumni outreach- Dan Kane. The alumni database was turned over by the Centennial Committee.
8. Ad hoc committee reports- Welcoming Committee- no report.

Other Comments- none

Closing Prayer- Bill Streit

Adjournment- 9:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by Mary Prudence on October 30, 2007