

St. Joseph School  
School Board Minutes  
April 15, 2009

Members Present: Joan Boddicker, Mark Bradshaw, Ken Palattao, Lisa Nielson, Susan Wright, Todd Rogers

Ex-Officio Members: Maggie Smith, Father Blake, Donna Woodard

Others: Diane Evander, Don Whitaker

Call to Order 6:30

Approved minutes from March

### **1. Athletic Committee Update**

- Three on three basketball will be held on September 19.
- Lego League gave a presentation about a lego competition (including robotics in later years) which would give kids an opportunity to participate in a non-sport team activity.
  - \* This is a team activity with two age groups: 6-10 and 11-14.
  - \* The competition runs September to January.
- There were three people to apply for the two open spots on the board.
- The committee will expand the board to have more people.
- The soccer team numbers are up but baseball is down a little.
- We are trying to start baseball and softball in younger grades so we can have a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade team in the future.
- The Board accepts the report of the Athletic Committee.

### **2. Technology Committee Update**

- The technology program and program outcomes have been set in accordance with the International Society for Technology in Education Standards and with the Archdiocese technology coordinators.
- These program guidelines will be refined and added to the student handbook.
- Computer Easy bills us bi-annually at a lower rate than if we paid monthly.
  - \* They will look at having remote access to our computers so they can do some trouble shooting from offsite.
- We had a typing proficiency program but will need to determine if we will keep it or get a different program to work with the new computers.
- Before we can fully utilize offsite storage we need to determine if we will combine parish and school computer platforms and put that on a time line.
- The Board will follow the progress on choosing typing software and platforms.

### **3. Action Register**

- The testing evaluation is completed.
- Dates for other items have been updated tonight.
- The Board members will continue to work on their respective items.

### **4. Enrollment**

- Enrollment is down. Father and Donna have been making calls to families who have not committed to attending next year.
- Our school still seems strong compared to some other schools.
- The Board will meet another time to discuss the affects of enrollment.

### **5. Key Strategic Issues**

- Based on the meeting with Jay Steele there was a list of strategic issues that need to be cut down to five or six issues.
  - \* The refined list is:
    - Academics / curriculum / technology
    - Catholic identity / Community
    - Communication - internal and external
    - Quality professional faculty / administration / leadership
    - Economics / enrollment
- Donna will forward this list to Jay Steele and will arrange with him to continue work on the strategic planning for the school.

### **6. Fundraising**

- There are too many small fundraisers taking a lot of accounting time and not raising much money.
- There are some changes that will need to be made in the next years regarding class trip fundraising.
- Boogie Blast is slated to be nearly twice as large this year.

### **7. Snack Breaks**

- Everyone who responded liked the idea of snacks for testing week.
- There will be breakfast bags available for testing week.
- We will look at making a snack time available throughout the year for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- We want to look at the nutrition value of snacks available in the school store.
- We will look at healthy snack options at the next meeting.

(8:40 Executive Session)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

The next meeting will be May 13, 2009 in the teacher lunch room.