

St. Joseph School  
School Board Minutes  
February 11, 2009

Members Present: Joan Boddicker, Ken Palattao, Tony Kirsch, Lisa Nielson, Susan Wright, Todd Rogers

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

Others: Diane Evander, Missy Isaacson, Jane Dirnberger, Virginia Gelhar

Call to Order 6:30

Approved minutes from January 14<sup>th</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup>

**1. Linger Longer at Mass**

- The School Board will serve donuts and coffee after the morning masses on Sunday February 15, 2009.

**2. Action Register**

- Donna Woodard, the new President, will organize board training materials.
- The committees will be restructured to have committee heads submit reports and then report to the board at the meetings.
- Donna will research the issue of open enrollment with the District.
- Lisa will communicate the “are you smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> grader” family fun night idea to Home and School.
- Donna will take on the role of meeting with the Advancement Committee.
- These items will be added to the action register and updated as they progress.

**3. Standardized Testing**

- Maggie has researched tests.
- Stanford is going to web based testing.
  - \* Stanford 9 did not represent the curriculum of the Texas Catholic Schools.
- We may want to go back to the MAT 8 and make a decision about the tests going forward.
- Maggie and Donna will review the types of tests and make a decision by the end of the week.

**4. Curriculum meetings**

- All parents were invited to come to the Music, Science, Spanish and Technology curriculum review meetings.

- We need additional help with Technology and should ask the parents who specialize in that area.
- The Parish Data Base lists talents which may help identify parents who can help in particular areas.
- Donna will look into getting some additional data base resources that will build on the PDB to identify resources that may be helpful to the school.

## **5. Bullying Policy**

- When there is a report, the teacher determines whether it is bullying or one isolated incident.
- The bullying policy includes what to do about these incidents.
- The parents are informed with a letter.
- We need to make sure there is phone or e-mail contact with the parent, or a form that goes home for the parents to sign and return.
- Susan will work on updating the bullying policy.

## **6. Disruptive Student**

- When the child gets a CBE, the parents don't necessarily take it seriously.
- Teachers need to be consistent in the discipline.
- Discipline should be extended to extra-curricular activities.
- A form that sets out the responsibilities of parents, students, and teachers will be prepared by Missy Isaacson and submitted to the Board.

## **7. Home and School Association**

- Home and School is a group that could be used to help build community
- Donna's school provides child care and dinner during the program presented by the Home and School Association.
- Lisa will get minutes and agenda from Donna that her school has used and will work with the HSA on new ideas.

## **8. Technology Committee**

- The Committee is working on a blogging policy consistent with national standards.
- Kelly Kohls has asked that we make a survey to find out how parents use Edline.
- Todd will work on getting the questions for the survey put together.

## **9. Athletic Committee**

- We haven't been in a conference, and now our competition has combined its 6,7, and 8 grade teams, so we have to select which of our teams play that competitor.
- Our teams are generally very good.

- We are picking up games in various conferences.
- The athletic committee should come and talk to us about what is going on.
- Tony will be a liaison and invite the Athletic Committee to come and speak at the next meeting.

**10. The Fifth grade overnight trip is raising questions**

- Catholic Mutual has rules about how they want overnight trips chaperoned.
- They forbid adults to stay in student rooms.
- A parent can stay with his/her own child, but would have to buy the complete set of eight bunks at this retreat center to do so.
- Other locations are being considered for next year's trip.
- We will follow the Catholic Mutual policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45

The next meeting will be March 11, 2009.