

St. Joseph School  
School Board Minutes  
June 9, 2008

Members Present: Todd Gregoire (by telephone), Todd Rogers, Joan Boddicker, Mark Bradshaw, Christian Miller

Ex-Officio Members: Maggie Smith

Call to Order 6:30 (Closed Session)

Open Session Meeting

Approved the minutes of May 12, 2008.

**1. Eighth Grade Trip fund raising guidelines**

- Concern for the number of fund raisers for eighth grade has been raised by the advancing the mission committee.
  - Maggie had a meeting with parents who are concerned that there is too much fundraising as well as others who love fundraising and want guidelines for the classes to follow.
  - The board members discussed the possibility of letting the Eighth Grade have just the Value Cards be their fund raising vehicle.
  - We need to establish a system the Eighth Grade parents to organize their fund raising efforts.
    - \* We need guidelines for when Eighth Grade trip fundraising can start and end.
    - \* We don't want to limit what can be done because we don't know what the expertise may be.
- Marguerite will prepare a draft proposal.

**2. Parent Concerns Regarding class sizes and Kindergarten classes**

- Marguerite read a letter from Sue Jaeger expressing her concerns.
- Marguerite shared concerns about the large class sizes. She is concerned specifically about Social Studies, Science, Math, and Language Arts. Her review of research shows that for primary grades smaller sizes are better, but for upper grades the research is unclear, although larger class sizes were considered to be 26 students, and not more.
- Mr. Arman indicated that he is comfortable with the size of 30. He also stated that Clearwater has 25 to 28 students per class.

- Mr. Arman stated that having one section would have some benefits. He also noted that during the year last if he needed to have a smaller section, he was able to work it out with other teachers.
- Peg Philp talked about what she heard from parents of the future Kindergarteners. They seemed pleased with the chance to talk to teachers about what they wanted out of the program.
- Marguerite's concerns about Kindergarten were that there was just a lack of communication about what kind of program would be offered.
- Maggie will keep working on the schedule and get information out to the parents in the July letter.

### **3. New Board Members**

- Todd and Marguerite have terms ending in June.
- Names for possible new members were suggested.
- Maggie will follow up with Father and contact possible candidates.

### **4. Learnia Testing**

- There are charts that show the improvement of the class from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.
- Letters explaining how Learnia tests compare to standardized tests will be included with the report cards.
- Maggie will be completing the letter this week.

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### **5. Advancing the Mission**

- Marguerite reported that the Committee is concerned with the timing of the position.
- The Board discussed the benefits of the position in working through our lower enrollment issues.
- The Board must meet with the Committee to understand its idea.
- We need to direct marketing efforts and need an Advancement Director to focus those ideas.

### **6. Technology Committee**

- The lease has been approved by Catholic Mutual and will be signed.
- New technology learner outcomes are being developed.
- The lease will be finalized and signed as soon as possible.

## **7. Athletic Committee**

- A replacement has not been found for Don Whitaker.
- Maggie will call some of the people suggested.

## **8. Action Register**

- Items were updated.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50

The next meeting will be August 11, 2008 at 6:30 in Room 211.