

St. Joseph School
School Board Minutes
October 22, 2008

Members Present: Joan Boddicker, Mark Bradshaw, Ken Palattao, Tony Kirsch, Lisa Nielson

Ex-Officio Members: Maggie Smith, Father Blake,

Others: Bonnie Delaney, Lisa Whitaker, Kim Heuer, Mary Kane

Call to Order 6:30

1. Learnia Presentation by Mary Kane of the Archdiocese education office

- The Archdiocese wants to follow Catholic teaching and reach all aspects of the child: social, emotional, academic, and spiritual.
 - * Learnia allows teachers to identify and teach to the class's weak areas, as well as identify weak areas for each child.
 - * Learnia was not selected as a marketing tool to compare Catholic schools to public schools.

(Closed Session 8:05)

(Open Session 8:35)

2. New President

- Father Blake, Tom Barrett, Todd Gregoire, Bonnie Delaney, and Marguerite Dummer developed a list of job skills. Job requirements include that the person be Catholic and have experience in education as well as marketing experience.
- The search committees will take resumes through November 7th and then will screen and interview candidates.
 - * If the right candidate doesn't show up in the interview process, the committee will continue to look.
- We need to indicate to the Finance Council how we will fund the position.

3. Board Officers

- Tony Kirsch – Board Chair, Ken Palattalo – Vice Chair, Joan Boddicker – Secretary.
- Meetings will continue to be on Wednesdays to better accommodate the schedules of the members.
 - Tony will make a schedule for the next few months.
 - Tony will notify the church office of the new board members and officers for inclusion in the bulletin.

4. Communication

- Maggie discussed her procedure for getting back to parent e-mails and phone messages within 2 days.
- Ken noted that 2 days is not as fast as business people may be used to getting an answer.
- Tony discussed how the Home and School Association meetings used to be well attended and were used to create a sense of community among the families. We need to use the HSA to re-engage families in school activities.
- Maggie will set a meeting date with the HSA co-chairs to discuss having Edline and Learnia presentations for the parents.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be November 5th at 6:30 p.m.