

# ST. KATHARINE DREXEL SCHOOL BOARD

## Meeting Minutes for Thursday, August 16, 2007 Spring Street Campus

**Present:** Bonnie Bender, Dan Booker, Barb Haase, Beth Jewell, Todd Priewe, Randy Richard, Fr. John Schreiter  
Janice Tischler and Renee Wahlen Tillema

**Absent:** Fr. Carlos Florez, Troy Schliesman

**Guests:** Steve Budde (parish liaison)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Randy Richard. Fr. John led the School Board in an opening prayer.

**Minutes:** Bonnie Bender made a motion to approve the July meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Beth Jewell. The School Board is waiting for the June minutes to be presented.

**Pastor's Report:** Fr. John talked about visioning for the future of the school and parish. He referred to two articles in the recent *Catholic Herald* on planning across the Archdiocese that will affect parishes and schools, diocesan-wide and regionally. He shared what information he currently had on the Archdiocesan Capitol Campaign. A committee has been formed by the Council that will look at the space needs of the parish. The goal is that by June of next year, the committee will have several facility options for the parishioners to consider and voice their opinions. Fr. John urged the School Board to look not just five years out, but 20 years down the road.

**Administrator's Report:** Barb Haase reported that she will be attending a principals' meeting on August 20. SKDS is gearing up for year one of the School Planning and Accreditation process. SPA is a seven year cycle with years 1 and 2 undertaking an internal study. In Year 3, schools are visited by principals, teachers, and Archdiocesan Staff to review all documentation we present. The first day of school is fast approaching. It has been a busy time for everyone as they prepare handbooks, forms and all the necessary paperwork essential to the beginning of the new school year. New this year will be the staff and visitor identification tags. The Crisis Management Plan and all handbooks have all been updated. A day of Spiritual Reflection for the staff will take place on August 22, with in-service dates scheduled for August 23 and 24. Students will be welcomed back on August 27. Barb reported on the K4 study that she and Kathy Armstrong have been part of for the Beaver Dam School System. It has been a time of gathering information from other school districts with K4 programs. Enrollment numbers are at 310 for preschool-8 and 242 for K-8. The numbers break down to: 2-day- 21, 3-Day- 47, K-20, 1<sup>st</sup>-26, 2<sup>nd</sup>-23, 3<sup>rd</sup>-22, 4<sup>th</sup>-36, 5<sup>th</sup>-27, 6<sup>th</sup>-34, 7<sup>th</sup>-27, and 8<sup>th</sup>-27. Barb handed out a summary from the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam taken by the 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes during the 2006/07 school year. The SKDS students did very well with the majority of the students scoring in the proficient and advanced ranges.

**Audience Comments:** None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SCRIP:** The Scrip balance sheet through July 31 shows a net profit of \$5,156.43. Randy Richard reported that School Board member Troy Schliesman will be the representative for the Scrip committee.

**Finance:** Dan Booker reported that the finance committee will meet as soon as the books are closed for the 2006/07 fiscal year. School Board member Todd Priewe will also be on that committee.

**Development:** School Board member Janice Tischler will serve as representative to this committee.

**Old Business:** The Vision and Action plan was discussed briefly with the suggestion that a special meeting be set to devote ample time to this issue. The School Board will meet on August 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Spring Street cafeteria for the purpose of determining what will be on the school Action Plan. A reminder that the Archdiocesan School Board In-service is September 12 in West Bend at St. Frances Cabrini School.

**Parish Council:** Steve Budde stated that Fr. John touched on most of the main issues that have been discussed by the Parish Council. Bonnie Bender will continue as School Board liaison to the Parish Council.

### **Committee Meetings**

Parish Council: August 30 at 7 p.m. Parish Hall on Maple Avenue.

School Board: September 20 at 7 p.m. Elementary Campus Room 215

SCRIP: September 10 at 7:45 p.m. Scrip Office

Development: September 10 at 7 p.m. Parish Center

Special Events: September 4 at 7 p.m. Parish Center

Endowment: September 11

Public Relations: August 27 at 5:30 p.m. Parish Center

Parish general committee meetings: September 11 at 7 p.m.

School Board In-service: September 12—St. Frances Cabrini School, West Bend

School Board Action Plan meeting: August 20, 6:30 p.m. cafeteria

**Adjournment:** Bonnie Bender made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Todd Priewe. Motion approved and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.