

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL SCHOOL BOARD

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Meeting Minutes for Thursday, February 21, 2008 Spring Street Campus

Present: Bonnie Bender, Dan Booker, Barb Haase, Randy Richard, Troy Schliesman, and Renee Wahlen Tillema

Absent: Fr. Carlos Florez

Excused: Beth Jewell, Todd Priewe, Janice Tischler and Fr. John Schreiter

Guests: Coletta Cody and Steve Budde

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Randy Richard and opened with Our Lord's Prayer.

Minutes: Troy Schliesman made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Bonnie Bender. Minutes approved.

Correspondence: Barb read a letter from Mrs. Pearce that was sent home to the second grade families concerning some health issues she is currently facing and the possibility of being out of the classroom for a length of time.

Pastor's Report: Randy Richard read a note from Father John who was wondering if it is clear that all parish families with children in school understand that they need to have a pledge card on file. (The requirement of filing a Pledge Card with the Parish is part of the Tuition Contract.) This led to a discussion on what can be done to get those pledge cards turned in. Father John encouraged all to attend the Shadow Way of the Cross on March 19 in the school gym at 8:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. He also asked that all volunteers mark their calendars for an appreciation dinner on Friday, May 9; all adult volunteers are invited.

Administrator's Report: Barb Haase gave an overview of Catholic Schools Week; the Festival of Educational Arts was very well attended. A new issue of *Crossing Paths* went out this week. Snow days are on track right now if there are no more snow days for the season. If the weather would require additional cancelled days, Barb said her choice would be to cancel the remaining scheduled late starts so as not to extend the school year. The Board also discussed taking minutes from the lunch hour. While the school masses on Thursday and Friday are always wonderful, Barb said during Lent there are some very special events planned and encouraged anyone to attend. Students are making some special decorations for St. Katharine Drexel's Feast Day coming up. The 5th graders are preparing for and will present the Shadow Way of the Cross (March 19 at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Spring Street Gym) and the 3rd graders are preparing for and will present the Living Stations (March 18 at 8:30 a.m. in the Maple Avenue Church).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCRIP: Troy Schliesman reported on the last Scrip meeting from February 11. Coletta sent out volunteer sheets to request more weekend volunteers and has had some response. There was a proposal sent out to board members

about the Scrip Coordinator position. Troy asked for any comments or questions from the board on that proposal. He also asked for clarification on purchasing a chair for the Scrip office and shared news that the computer used for Scrip would need replacing soon. He questioned where the money for those purchases would come from. Total profit through January was \$46,155.30.

Financial Report: Balance sheets through January were distributed. Statements will go out again next week.

Finance: Dan Booker handed out a proposed 2008/2009 school budget and tentative tuition sheets and went over the information, taking questions from board members. The proposed budget will be presented to the Parish Finance Committee next and there may be a need for the School Board to convene again before the next scheduled meeting to approve a final budget.

Development: Nothing to report.

Endowment: Nothing to report

Parish Council Liaison: Steve Budde explained that Space Needs was the main discussion at last Parish Council meeting along with reviewing Action Plans from the various committees.

New Business: Board members went through the Action Plan line by line with members updating on the causes that they are championing. Due to Holy Week, the next School Board meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26**.

Committee Meetings

Parish Council: February 28 at 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall on Maple Avenue.

School Board: **MARCH 26 AT 7:00 P.M.** Elementary Campus Room 215

SCRIP: March 3 at 7:45 in Scrip Office

School Finance: TBA

Public Relations: February 27 at 6:00 p.m. Parish Center

Parish general committee meetings: March 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Dan Booker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Renee Wahlen Tillema. Motion approved and the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.