

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL SCHOOL BOARD

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Meeting Minutes for Thursday, January 24, 2008 Spring Street Campus

Present: Bonnie Bender, Dan Booker, Barb Haase, Beth Jewell, Todd Prieve, Randy Richard, Troy Schliesman, Janice Tischler and Renee Wahlen Tillema

Absent: Fr. John Schreiter, Fr. Carlos Florez

Guests: Coletta Cody, Lois Ely, Jerry McDonald, Don Baloun, and Greg Strand from Zimmerman Architectural Studios, Inc.

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

The first order of business was a presentation by Greg Strand from Zimmerman Architectural Studios, Inc. He presented a priority list and asked for feedback from School Board members on needs/priorities for the school building. Jerry McDonald gave an update from the Parish Council that the architectural firm will be doing studies and presenting results from their study and giving recommendations. It is on track to present parishioners with details by the end of February or early March. Don Baloun addressed concerns of whether or not the Parish Council supports the school. He stated that the Parish Council believes the school is a high priority and that they fully intend to proceed with both the parish and school in mind.

Minutes: Todd Prieve made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Bonnie Bender. Minutes approved.

Administrator's Report: Barb Haase gave an update on plans for Catholic Schools Week activities. Numerous letters have been or will be distributed throughout the community and to parents. An agenda was distributed with a full week of activities for students throughout the week. The student number is now at 317 students. *Crossing Paths* will be going out shortly after Catholic Schools Week. There has been some interest from several former students to help with this newsletter. Barb gave an update on the 4 year old kindergarten implementation study. The committee is planning to present its recommendation to the Beaver Dam Unified School District School Board in April of 2008. This led to discussion on how this decision could possibly impact SKDS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCRIP: The Scrip committee met on January 7. The committee is still working on recruiting selling captains. The net income was \$40,180.77 through December 31. Coletta Cody asked for a figure for the amount Scrip is expected to contribute to the new budget as soon as possible, so she can announce her goal for the coming year. No one has come forward to take on the Scrip Coordinator position. If that is the case, there will be some changes. The Scrip committee will be discussing the possible changes at their next meeting.

Financial Report: Lois Ely distributed balance sheets through December. Statements will be coming out again in the next few weeks. Dan Booker reported that the numbers are tracking very well according to the budget and he doesn't anticipate any surprises.

Finance: Dan Booker reported on the budget plans for the coming school year. The school finance committee is planning to meet next week. It looks to be another challenging year financially. While contributions are up, expenses continue to rise at the same rate. There are many financial unknowns at this time, so the committee will be working hard in the next few months to prepare a balanced budget. The parish is waiting for commitment cards from parishioners to be returned as part of the overall budget plan.

Development: Janice Tischler reported that Development did not meet during this month. Committee chair, Jim Kulka, indicated that he would like to stay with the development committee, but move to quarterly meetings.

New Business: The School Board will have a presence at the upcoming Ministry Fair. Due to the late hour, other business, including updates from the school's action plan goal list, was tabled until the next meeting.

Committee Meetings

Parish Council: January 31 at 7 p.m. Parish Hall on Maple Avenue.
School Board: February 21 at 7 p.m. Elementary Campus Room 215
SCRIP: TBA Scrip office
School Finance: TBA
Public Relations: February 27 at 5:30 p.m. Parish Center
Parish general committee meetings: February 12 at 7 p.m.

Adjournment: Beth Jewell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Todd Priewe. Motion approved and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.