

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL SCHOOL BOARD

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, July 19, 2007 Spring Street Campus

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

Absent: Fr. Carlos Florez, Fr. John Schreiter

Guests: Steve Budde (parish liaison), Coletta Cody (Scrip) and Brenda Fister

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Bill Gergen. Bill announced that he will be resigning from the School Board at the end of the meeting due to his commitment as a new Parish Council member. The first order of business was to welcome the new School Board members and hold election of officers. Randy Richard was nominated as chair, Todd Priewe as vice chair, Dan Booker as treasurer and Renee Wahlen Tillema as secretary. All nominations were accepted and Bonnie Bender made a motion to accept the unanimous ballot of nominees, Beth Jewell seconded. The motion was passed unanimously and the new officers welcomed. Randy Richard took chair duties for the remainder of the meeting.

Minutes: Minutes for the June meeting were not available. They will be distributed before the August meeting.

Administrator's Report: Barb Haase reported that the Back to School Packet including tuition contracts will be available starting after masses on the weekend of July 29. There were some wording changes in the contract including the need to have a pledge card on file. Barb will also be contacting the handful of families who did not return a pledge card and/or who have outstanding tuition and/or fees. In-service dates for teachers will be August 22-24 and the first day of school is August 27. A new physical education/health teacher, Bethany Schmidt, has been hired. Barb discussed tuition reconciliation and reported that the school has received two recent donations for tuition assistance. The most current figure for registered students in the new school year is 313 for preschool through eighth grade.

Audience Comments: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCRIP: Coletta Cody handed out the final balance sheet for the fiscal year. The total profit from Scrip was \$74,029.21 which did surpass last year's amount, but fell short of the budgeted \$78,000 goal. Coletta made several announcements, including the fact that the Scrip office will no longer be open on Mondays starting in August. The last Monday sale date is July 30. They will continue their Friday office hours and selling after Mass on the weekend. This will also be the last year that Coletta will be the Scrip chairperson. On June 30, 2008, she will step down from this responsibility but will continue her service with the Scrip Program on a much more limited basis. Coletta handed out an end of year point summary. During the last school year 83 percent of families earned all their required points, 14 percent earned some of their points, while 4 percent earned no points. School Families contributed a total of 5,358.45 Volunteer hours to St. Katharine Drexel Parish and School.

Old Business: The Vision and Action plan was discussed with Randy Richard assigning board members the task of dreaming big dreams before the next meeting. The School Board needs to look at the parish vision and create an action plan for the school to reach their goals during the 2008-2012 time frame. Some ideas that were discussed included transportation, facilities, tuition assistance, green space and increased enrollment.

Parish Council: Steve Budde reminded members that the Parish Council would like to see results from the action plan by September/October.

Committee Meetings

Parish Council: July 26 at 7 p.m. Parish Hall on Maple Avenue.

School Board: August 16 at 7 p.m. Elementary Campus Room 215

SCRIP: August 6 at 7:45 p.m. Scrip Office

Development: August 6 at 7 p.m. Parish Center

Special Events: August 14 at 7 p.m. Parish Center

Endowment: September 12

Public Relations: July 30 at 5:30 p.m. Parish Center

Parish general committee meetings: August 14 at 7 p.m.

School Board hospitality weekend: August 12

Adjournment: Bonnie Bender made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Janice Tischler. Motion approved and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.