

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL SCHOOL BOARD

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Meeting Minutes for
Thursday, June 19, 2008
Spring Street Campus

Present: Bonnie Bender, Barb Haase, Randy Richard, Beth Jewell, Todd Priewe, Troy Schliesman, Janice Tischler, Susan Caine.

Guests: Lois Ely, Steve Budde, Father John Schreiter.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Randy Richard. The School Board watched the video of the SKDS students, Field Day Prayer – End of the Year.

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

Audience Comments (“Eyes and Ears”):

*Randy introduced Susan Caine as the newest School Board member.

*Some parents have asked for the results of the school survey.

*Dave Johnson commented to a board member that he feels it is critical to have school uniforms implemented as early as this coming school year.

*A parent questioned a board member if the Spanish curriculum will change since Ms. Derricks is leaving.

*Bonnie mentioned that she was approached by several people who attended the 8th grade graduation who were very impressed by the graduation ceremony, how nice the robes looked and that it was a very inspiring experience.

Pastor’s Report:

Father John reported that Deacon Bob Truttschel was seriously ill and requested our prayers for him. Father John announced that Father Jose has arrived. Father John requested that the new dress code be put on the website and that the School Board meeting dates be posted in the bulletin. Father John then shared his opinions on the dress code and again brought up his reasons why he would like to see a new dress code and a more strict enforcement of it; also that if the new dress code fails then he would like to see a proposal for school uniforms by January so that the school would have time to implement a uniform policy. Father John very adamantly stated that he wants to see an improvement in the way students present themselves at school as well as at mass.

Administrator’s Report: Barb Haase shared this year’s yearbook. She also reported on the new Spanish program. The curriculum is taught via videos and DVDs and does not require a Spanish speaking teacher. The program is taught in grades 1 through 8. The teachers have been meeting regarding scheduling. Report cards will be available tomorrow. Parent packets will be available in July in the back of the church and the parent letters for 4K have been sent from Beaver Dam Public School. Tuition Contracts will be going out via mail next week. Enrollment totals were given. Currently there are 29 kindergarten students registered. It was decided that a new kindergarten teacher will be hired and an announcement will be put in the kindergarten packet regarding this. Troy posed the question as to what specifically are the guidelines on what the limit is on class size, and it was concluded that the guidelines must be clarified and this will be further looked into. It was announced that Matt DiPietro has resigned and that Barb Kalscheur will be returning. A new copy machine has been leased. A formal grievance has been filed by a school parent. A summary of the grievance issues has been sent to Father John and to Randy Richard. Ms. Haase is in the process of setting up a meeting with all involved parties. The grievance policy will be followed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCRIP: No May meeting. Troy reported the Scrip profit through May 31 was \$84,281.35.

Financial Report: Balance sheets through May were distributed. The office has the list of outstanding tuition and report cards will not be available until tuition is paid. It was questioned how certain fundraisers, i.e., Glitz and golf outing, etc. should be categorized, whether under development or special events. This will be clarified with Dan Booker before the next meeting. There are still 24 commitment cards that have not been submitted by school parents. Discussion ensued on how to collect these cards. It will be handled in the school office when families come to pick up report cards.

Finance: No report.

Development: Janice Tischler reported there was not a Glitz meeting in May, but addresses continue to be collected for the August mailing. A Glitz meeting has been scheduled for July 14. A development meeting will be scheduled in August. Janice also is looking into getting committee members to work on the gym banners and will include that committee in the August development meeting.

Endowment: No report.

Parish Council Liaison: Steve Budde thanked Ms. Haase for her 15 years of service to our school.

Old Business: Randy suggested that the parish be informed of the results of the school survey. It was decided that we put in the bulletin the questions and a summary of the responses. School Board members will be summarizing this information which will be submitted to the bulletin by Ms. Haase for the school page. Question summarization is as follows: Todd Priewe question 1, Beth Jewell questions 2 and 3, Susan Caine question 4, Janice Tischler questions 5 and 6, and Bonnie Bender and Randy Richard question 7.

After listening to Father John's comments regarding his views on the dress code, the new dress code was read, with a lengthy discussion following. After discussion, the new dress code was revised and the motion was made by Troy to approve the dress code as stated. Todd seconded the motion.

New Business: Randy Richard and the School Board members thanked Beth Jewell for her time served on the School Board.

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

Next School Board Meeting: July 17 at 7 PM