

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH COMMITTEE REPORT

Name of Committee: School Board of Education
Committee Chairperson: Jenny Schonitzer

Date of Meeting: October 18, 2011

Members Present: Barb Haase, Jenny Schonitzer, Jennifer Bohlig, Mary Holschbach, Mary Luckas, Hector Ramirez, Rob Jens, Beth Jens, Fr. Mike

Absent: Kathy Vanden Boogart, Dick Cromheecke

Guests: Beth Jewell, Parish Council Liaison; Joe Seufzer, Parish Council Chair

1) Call to Order/Opening Prayer
Joe Seufzer, prayer

2) Board Chair Opening Statement

3) Review and approval of previous meeting minutes
Reviewed and approved

4) Audience Comments/Eyes and Ears

- a. Barb shared that the 4K classes sent letter “posters” to all construction workers and a few others who were instrumental in the remodeling of the school and the new construction.
- b. All SKDS students made scarecrows for area nursing homes as part of a community service project on Theme Day.
- c. New flat screen monitors were purchased for the computer lab for only \$100 each.

5) Correspondence: none received

6) Pastor’s Report- Fr. Mike Erwin

- a. Old downstairs bathrooms – may address heating issues before converting them into storage areas. Possibly be able to convert to a classroom if needed in the future.
- b. Still having “nibbles” on Maple Avenue buildings.
- c. Working with the city on developing green space and a pedestrian corridor along the river.

7) Administrator’s Report – Barb Haase

- a. On November 15, Patrick Lofton, new Associate Superintendent of Catholic Schools for our area, will join us for an in-service of the School Board. He will be back for more than one meeting.
- b. Safeguarding training will take place October 24 in the cafeteria. Anyone who wants to do any type of volunteering must complete this training. Kathy Armstrong will provide daycare in her classroom during that time for those who need it. Those requesting this service must contact Kathy Armstrong.
- c. Theme Day was a huge success.
- d. Conferences were held on October 13 and 14 and went very well.
- e. The 8th grade spaghetti supper is being held Thursday, October 20. The event raises money for 8th grade graduation expenses, Expanding Horizons, and class picnic.
- f. Work on the elevator is currently in progress.

- g. Youth Forum was held last week. Was a great day for all involved. Included students from Catholic Schools in Dodge, Washington and Fond du lac Counties.
- h. Living Rosary will be October 26 at 8:30AM in the gym. Everyone is welcome.
- i. Education Convention will be October 27 (Sustaining the Mission at Holy Angels in West Bend) and October 28 (at SKDS).
- j. Discussion of accreditation process and the annual report that was turned in for WRISA (Wisconsin Religious and Independent Accreditation). This document ties in with the Action Plan and our Long Range Objectives.
- k. Presented “talking points” for people to use as a reference when talking about what makes our school great. This is being worked on by **PR/Marketing**.

8) Break

None taken

9) Committee Reports

Development:

Mike Kaul from **Footballmania Committee** reported on the history of Footballmania and its current status. The fundraiser has raised over \$265,000 for school over the years. This money is used to off-set the operating budget for the school. Profit has declined over the past few years. This year the program made \$16K (lowest amount ever). Mike cited the following reasons for the decline: enrollment is down so fewer families are selling tickets, competition with other organizations selling these tickets, economy, support of program needed. Mike stated that we need to promote Footballmania to the younger families (K-3) and get people excited about it again. He also stated support for the program by the School Board would be helpful.

Mary Holschbach reported on **Glitz**. This year the event will start at 4:30PM. The silent auction will close at 6PM and dinner will begin at 6PM. The live auction will start around 7:15PM and the band will begin at 9PM. Reservations and donations will be accepted until October 31.

10) No Parish Council Liaison Report

11) Old Business

Jenny Schonitzer reported on phone surveys she completed with families of last year's 4K students who did not return to SKDS for 5K. Most cited finances as their primary reason. Others stated they were not Catholic or were not active in their faith. Some cited parent disagreement.

12) New Business

None discussed

13) Adjournment: 9:20 PM