

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH COMMITTEE REPORT

Name of Committee: School Board of Education

Date of Meeting: September 20, 2011

Committee Chairperson: Jenny Schonitzer

Members Present: Mary Luckas, Barb Haase, Dick Cromheecke, Kathy Vanden Boogart, Jennifer Bohlig, Beth Jens, Rob Jens, Mary Holschbach, Fr. Mike

Absent: Hector Ramirez

Guests: Beth Jewell, Parish Council Liaison; Joe Seufzer Parish Council Chair; and Susan Caine, Glitz Committee

- 1) Call to Order / Opening Prayer: "Hope Unites Us Anew; La esperanza nos renueva unidos": St. Katharine Drexel School Mission Statement and Theme used for prayer.
- 2) Board Chair Opening Statement – Introduction of guests present
 - a) Beth Jewell, Parish Council Liaison
 - b) Susan Caine, Glitz Committee
 - c) Joe Seufzer, Parish Council Chair
- 3) Review and approval of previous meeting minutes
 - a) Reviewed and Approved
- 4) Audience Comments / Eyes and Ears.
 - a) Mention was made of "Little People Congestion" at the beginning of school year, with pick-up and drop-off times; everyone seems to be working together and it is under control now.
- 5) Correspondence.

None
- 6) Pastor's Report – Fr. Mike Erwin
 - a) Father Mike is concentrating hard on completing renovations for the school. We should have everything done by the end of September with the exception of the new elevator.
 - b) We do, however, need a good plan for re-purposing old bathrooms on lower level.
 - c) Maple Avenue sale is looks promising, perhaps by the end of the year.
 - d) Formal closing of St. Patrick's Church is imminent and plans need to be made.
- 7) Administrator's Report – Barb Haase
 - a) Again, old bathrooms downstairs need to be converted to??? Ideas welcome!
 - b) Barb would like the Board to help with Technology plans: updates are needed: for the computer lab—equipment is old and needs replacing; addition of mobile wireless lab for third floor—provides for more flexibility; smart board for each classroom—provides for full class presentation and interaction.
 - c) Start of school year went exceptionally well. We are off to a great start.

- d) Theme Day is October 7. Skip Jones is spending an entire day on campus, working with all age groups. Concert is that evening at 6:30PM; a grand evening is anticipated! We want to thank all those who helped with the school construction project.
- e) Youth Forum for grades 6, 7, and 8 will take place on October 11 at the Mayville Park Pavilion. Students will work on developing Catholic Youth Leadership; "God's Story is Our Story" is this year's theme.
- f) Area Principals met on September 20, 2011. Board In-service Information to follow once Barb has a date, place and format.
- g) Common Core State Standards replace Model Academic Standards. Common Core Standards help ensure students are prepared for college and work world. Students not only need to have knowledge, they must know how to apply that knowledge to real world situations. These are clear, understandable, consistent expectations school-to-school, state-to state. The Archdiocesan Schools Office is directing work in the area of math for our Archdiocesan Catholic Schools.
- h) Discovery Project is coming up. This program is geared toward 7th & 8th grade, gifted and talented students. SKDS is beginning to look for candidates for this year's program.
- i) New Teachers!! We have 4 this year: Kim Lopas - Band; Mike Pipp - Phys. Ed and Health; Megan Meyer - first grade; and Dona Turner - third grade. All are settling in nicely---Welcome!
- j) Current Enrollment: As of September 16, 2011, Pre-K through 8th grade is 276 students.

8) Break

- a) None taken

9) Committee Reports and Next Scheduled Committee Meeting Dates.

- a) SCRIP Committee –No report
- b) Financial Report/Budget –reported and discussed the financial report.
As School year is just underway, a minimal amount of information was presented. We are hoping to see a yearend full Parish fiscal report soon.
- c) Development Committee - Susan Caine, Glitz
 - i) First donation form is out to area businesses for Glitz (November 12 at Old Hickory) donations.
 - ii) There is a possibility of an earlier start time for this year's event, possibly 4:30PM.
 - iii) Fundraising goal for this year's event is \$30,000.
 - iv) Volunteers welcome, Development Committee is always looking for new members!
- d) Endowment – No report

10) Parish Council Liaison Report –

- Jennifer Bohlig was assigned to attend the August meeting.
- a) Fr. Selvin updated Council on RCIA and Catechist formation for our Hispanic Community.
 - b) Landscaping on green space is well underway and looking fabulous!
 - c) Parish Council training programs discussed.
 - d) Parish Council is looking at 5year plans again, all committees should continue to be proactive in reviewing their plans!
 - e) Guests at Parish Council meetings are always welcome.
 - f) Discussion of Committee members: On all committees, more members are always needed!

11) Old Business.

a) Strategic Planning

i) Briefly reviewed actions undertaken to date for strategic plan 2010-2015

- (1) It was decided to review previous 5 Year plan and address it at next meeting

12) New Business: For Next Meeting:

- (1) Review 5 year plan
- (2) Use of Downstairs bathroom space
- (3) Marketing Ideas
- (4) Technology-Long-range plan

13) Adjournment – 8:45PM

Next Meeting Date/Time/Location: October 18, 2011 at 7PM, Cafeteria.

To: Parish Council (Check one)

- For your information. No action needed at this time.
 Please put us on your next agenda. See attachment.
 We need directions and further input. See attachment.
 Other. See attachment.