

St. Isidore School Board
Tuesday, September 16, 2008
5:00pm-6:30pm
Rettig Center Conference Room

OPEN SESSION

1. Meeting Start

- a. Call to order and Roll Call
- b. Opening Prayer: Father Moran
- c. New Teacher Introduction:
Mrs. Daly (7th grade)
Ms. Baker (math)
Mr. Schnoor (music)

2. School Board Contact Information: circulated excel sheet for updating

3. Standing Reports

- a. **Pastor Report:** The new parent barbeque was a success. Back to School Night was an energetic and very positive event. Everyone seemed happy to be there. He has received positive feedback. * Father Frank Kid's fiesta is coming up on the weekend of September 26th. The mass will be performed in English and Spanish. * Father Moran is very pleased with the school staff, Mrs. Schroeder's leadership, as well as the energy and progress of PTG. * Fr. Moran expects a very productive school year. * The Golf Tournament is coming up and we are looking forward to a success. Please encourage participation.
- b. **Principal Report:** School enrollment is at 633 with 373 families. * Mrs. Tripaldi and Mrs. Ward are new to the Vice Principal role this school year. Mrs. Schroeder is excited to have them as part of the team with positive spirit and fresh point of view. * Faculty members are acting as leaders of various parts of curriculum.
 1. Ms. Divine is the religious leader and has started facilitating a faculty prayer session every Wednesday morning.
 2. Lisa Bridges is the study skills coach and is working on K/1st/2nd reading program.
 3. Mrs. Cohen is the Tech Support Leader and is coaching the teaching staff on advanced use of the Active Boards.
 4. Dr. Varon is focused on math/science to ensure continuity among all grades.

* ITBS/IOWA testing will begin on September 22nd. The school administers the tests early in the year so the teachers get an idea about where to focus their curriculum during the school year. * All school board members are to contact the new families and welcome them to the school.

- c. **PTG** (Invited): Sue Fernando, (PTG President) noted that the first PTG event is coming up: golf/hike/bbq. Numbers are a bit down from last year but hopes for more sign ups this week through the family envelope. There will be a raffle this year for golf clubs. Food donations for the fiesta are going great. * Gift wrap fundraiser is currently underway. * The auction committee has secured the party location at Round Hill Country Club. The kick off luncheon is scheduled. Fund-A-Need ideas are currently being discussed.
- d. **Foundation**: no report
- e. **Pastoral Council**: no report

4. **Committee Assignments**

- a. Finance: Jack Harrington, Paul Cowell, Andrea Eubanks, Joleen Lafayette, Harry Hendricks
- b. Marketing and Development: Joleen Lafayette, Lori Waidelich, Liza Wallace, Jack Harrington (to support Alumni activities) and Andrea Eubanks
- c. Safety : Kim Bongi, Liza Wallace
- d. Technology: Jim Aberer
- e. Membership: Lori Waidelich, Andrea Eubanks, Harry Hendricks, Jack Harrington

Please have one strategy meeting prior to next school board meeting.

- 5. **Classroom Visitation Feedback**: The visits went great. The classrooms looked clean and uncluttered. The kids were focused and ready to learn. The teachers and board directors enjoyed the visits. The board would like to do another classroom visit in the spring. To avoid too many visitors in one classroom, we will hang a notification tag on the door handle when entering.
- 6. **Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)**: The progression of the project is going well. The goal of the team is to finish the package in November, fine tune it in December and give it the finishing touches in January. The WASC team will visit for 3 days in March. Mrs. Schroeder will share a draft copy with the board over the next few months.
- 7. **Diocesan Workshop Debriefing**: St. Isidore had a good turnout at the annual event. Board members attended a variety of sessions to gain as much insight and training as possible. Through Jean's attendance at the enrollment session, she learned that Sneak-a-Peek should coincide with the annual book fair and fall pumpkin festival to maximize exposure to potential school families and to better coordinate with local school timing. Another member learned about how to connect with the St. Isidore alumni and the continued importance of marketing and strategic planning.
- 8. **Open Forum**: no report

9. **Adjourn**

CLOSED SESSION

1. Financial Report (07-08 year end): budget review with Paul Beasley. The board thanks Paul Beasley for his diligent work on preparing the budget and presenting it with answers.