

# St. Odilia Council Meeting Minutes

<b>Council:</b>			
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	October 21, 2008		

<b>Meeting Participants:</b>	<b>Present</b>		<b>Present</b>		<b>Present</b>
Donna Byron	X	Paul Johnson	X	Laurie Peterson	X
Mary Carver	X	Margaret Karel	X	Tom Savard	X
Ann Gaertner	X	Claudia Munson		Nancy Sommers	X
Bob Grose	X	Jean Nickman	X	Mike Witham	X
Chris Henrich	X	Mary Jo O'Dea	X		

	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Owner</b>
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**Prayer**

**Mary**

**Update on Preschool**

**Bob**

Mr. Grose reported that he is working with the Y to develop a contract and an admissions policy for the preschool. A revision to the school admission policy to incorporate students attending St. Odilia's preschool is in the works. The full day program is currently full. Feedback from parents with children in both programs has been positive.

**Principal's Report**

**Bob**

Mr. Grose presented September's balance sheet to the committee, pointing out that school tuition is up from projected figures due to more up-front payments than expected and the fact that the budget was developed anticipating 605 students not the actual 612 students. Other figures were as projected and anticipated.

Mr. Grose also presented the committee with the endowment fund requests from the teachers for this year. The requests include new lbooks, software and new scooters for the gym. Mr. Grose will turn in these endowment fund request to the PLC for approval.

**PAA report**

**Chris**

The minutes from the October 14<sup>th</sup> PAA meeting were handed out to the school council members. The minutes outlined the school events that have occurred thus far and those that will be up and coming such as the Scholastic Book Fair. It also noted the success of the Marathon coin collection and mentioned the awards ceremony which will be on Friday,

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October 24<sup>th</sup>. A full report was also given on each PAA committee. The next PAA meeting will be held on Tuesday, November, 11<sup>th</sup> in room 2308.

## **PLC Report**

**Mike**

A proposal to allow non-parishioners to attend the school for the same tuition as parishioners pay is being brought to the PLC for approval. The belief behind this proposal is that it would help fill the empty seats that currently exist in the classrooms and may also bring new families into the school that have chosen other schools due to the higher tuition rate we currently have for non-parishioners.

## **Elevators /Accessibility to Parish Property**

**Mary Jo**

The idea of the need to make the school and church campus more handicap accessible was brought to the council's attention. The need for an elevator was discussed. It was decided that a proposal would be written up and submitted to the Long Range Planning Committee for consideration.

## **School Improvement Plan Update**

**Ann/Nancy**

An update on the schools strategic improvement plan was provided. The school council's action items for the school year 2008-2009 were discussed. The two main objectives the school council must address this school year are crisis management and marketing development. Plans to accomplish these objectives were outlined.

## **Playground Improvements/Updates**

**Tom**

A concern about the safety of the school's playground equipment was brought to the council's attention. Mr. Grose stated that more woodchips had just recently been added to the playground area and the equipment is checked on a routine basis to assure that it is in good condition.

## **Policy**

**Margaret**

### **3140.0 Tuition Responsibility**

The policy statement was rewritten to reflect the new financial aid policy being used by the school. The policy was approved with no further changes.

### **3240.3 Financial Aid (Assistance) –NEW**

Policy was devised to reflect the schools participation in the TADS financial assistance program. No further changes were made.

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## **5111 Admission-Preschool Incorporation**

The school admission and registration policy was revised to include the procedures that will be followed when the St. Odilia Y preschool children register for kindergarten at St. Odilia.

## **5141.0 Health and Safety**

The health and safety policy was presented to members with changes and will have its final review at the November meeting.

## **Meeting Adjourned**