

# St. Odilia Council Meeting Minutes

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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	September 16, 2008	<b>Time:</b>	

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

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**Prayer** **Donna**

**Parishioner Tuition** **Bob**

Mr. Grose presented a proposal to make non-parishioner tuition equal to that of parishioners. It was agreed upon by the School Council Members that the proposal should be presented to the PLC for further review and consideration.

**Update on Preschool** **Bob**

Mr. Grose reported that the preschool is off to a good start with about 17 children in the full-day program, 10 in the M, W, F program and 6 in the T, Th program.  
The need for an admissions policy was brought up and a committee to develop a priority admissions policy was formed. The committee members will form a draft of an admissions policy and will present it to the school council at the October meeting.

**Principal's Report** **Bob**

Mr. Grose presented the August 2008 financial statement for the school. He reported that the school year is off to a good start financially as the budget was devised with the anticipation of fewer students than we currently have enrolled.

**Committee Responsibility** **Ann**

There were many school council committee positions open. Council members volunteered to join the committees to fill all positions.

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## **Marketing Update**

**Paul**

Paul Johnson is heading the new marketing plan for the school. He stated that the marketing committee's two main concerns for this school year are enrollment and funding strategies. They will offer 2 parent information nights, one in November and another in January, in the hopes of spiking the communities' interest in our school. The marketing committee is also working with the Ambassador Program which allows prospective parents to meet with parents of students currently enrolled at St. Odilia School.

Paul also stated that the marketing committee is working on developing a full-blown marketing plan this school year to help entice new families. One of the marketing committee's objectives is to identify and address some of the perceived barriers that keep prospective parents from enrolling their children at St. Odilia School. The marketing committee will also look into raising the issue of endowment funds to help entice more families to our school.

## **PAA report**

**Chris/Claudia**

The PAA had their first meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>. They talked about the two upcoming parent information nights. The first being Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> for parents of elementary students and the 2<sup>nd</sup> on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> for the parents of the middle school students. Hospitality will be provided in the courtyard for each event.

It was also reported that the Marathon assembly kick-off would be on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Packets were to go home with the students on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> with the coin collection days beginning on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup>. The teachers will be helping promote enthusiasm for the marathon by participating in Olympic type events. There also will be school spirit days to help promote participation among the students.

## **PLC Report**

**Mike**

There was no PLC report given.

## **Policy**

**Margaret**

Policy # 3240: Tuition Responsibilities: was brought up for review. Mr. Grose wants to add the new financial aid process to the policy and will bring the policy back for review at the next school council meeting with that new information included in it.

Policy #3240: Registration Fee and Policy #3240.2: Tuition Refund: were approved without changes.

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Policy #3241: Tuition Requirement When Four or More Children are Concurrently Enrolled: was approved with minor changes.

Policy #5132: Uniform/Dress Code: was reviewed and it was agreed upon by the school council members that it will be deferred until next year which will put it on a 3 year rotation like all other policies. The current policy was put into effect in October of 2006.

**Meeting Adjourned**