

St. Odilia School Council Meeting Minutes

Council:			
Meeting Date:	April 15, 2008	Time:	6:45 – 8:00

Meeting Participants:	Present		Present		Present
Katie Boyle		Karen Gilray	X	Margaret Karel	X
Donna Byron	X	Bob Grose	X	Nancy Sommers	X
Dan Duffy	X	Chris Henrich		Mike Witham	X
Ann Gaertner	X	Paul Johnson	X	Suzanne Zobitz	
Guest: Tom Savard	X	Guest: Ryan Pajak			

	Agenda/Minutes	Owner
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Prayer & Welcome

Paul

The Council welcomed parents Carrie Kottke, Mary Hentges, and Lisa Handrick, to the meeting.

Parent (Carrie Kottke) led discussion on low enrollment

A parent-led group led a brief discussion on their concerns about trends on low enrollment and its impact on students. They expressed their interest in being part of a dialogue with the school council on this matter. They offered to discuss opportunities to create solutions with the council in the future. Mr Grose indicated that St Odilia has always and will always be committed to staying within the class size numbers within the published school policy. We have no plan to change the policy at this time. The council will review their proposal and reply shortly.

Technology Demonstration

Ryan Pajak

Invited guest, Ryan Pajak, demonstrated some of the technology available within the school including the Smart Board and the Senteo system. The council would like to thank Mr Pajak for this excellent, informative demonstration.

Principal's Report

Bob

- **Camp Invention** – St Odilia's first science-based week-long summer camp will be the week of June 16th. Registrations are filling up with more than 80 kids already registered. School staff are hired to teach at camp.

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- **Field trip** - The seventh grade will be going to Long Lake on April 21-23 for a team building field trip.

- **2008/9 Enrollment** - There are 52 children registered for the first grade with 3 on the waiting list.

- **Internet Safety** – The PAA is sponsoring an Internet Safety workshop for all concerned parents this Thursday, April 17, 2008 from 9:30-10:30.

- **Art Fair** – St Odilia will be hosting a special guest artist, Dan Wiemer, for a full day art fair on April 17. He is a well-known watercolor artist and will be demonstrating his expertise to the students. Thanks to Jeanne Thalhuber for arranging this special event.

- **Financials** – Thanks to a special gift donation, the financial forecast for year end is improved. However, St Odilia is likely to end the school year with a deficit.

Ministry Fair

Katie/Paul

There were good attendance and many interested parties at the fair. We were able to develop a short list of names of individuals interested in the school council for the discernment process. It was also a great opportunity to network. Several council members have given feedback to the PLC on the fair.

Finance Committee. Update

Dan/Bob

- **Financial Aid**- The TADs process is going very well with numerous families accessing the system. We have been able to work with staff at Nativity to learn better how to use the system. Once data are entered, finance committee members are able to review data without participant names.

- **Tuition Back Payments** – Due to some reminder efforts, back payments are increasing and families are catching up.

Marketing Co. Update

Paul

- **Annual report**- Developed template for report. Awaiting financial data to complete. Once completed, the primary distribution route will be a postcard with an Internet address for the report. Also stakeholders may request a hard copy.

- **Fundraising**- Committee working on ideas for fundraiser potentially involving alumni.

Policies

Margaret/Suzanne

Final Approval

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1000.1 Use of Mission Statement on Brochures – policy approved

5142 Maltreatment of Minors – several changes in wording in procedure area. An outside reviewer is assisting in review. Carried over to May meeting.

Harassment and Violence – policy approved

Attendance – minor change in policy to ensure compliance with School Improvement Plan. Carried over to May meeting.

The council needs to update parish council list of committees to match school council constitution. Also the council needs to review a change in its constitution to add the marketing committee as a permanent committee. Both items were carried over for the May meeting.

PAA Report (March meeting report)

Karen

The Fall Festival chairs, Colleen Moore and Tim Hannon, visited the PAA and presented a proposal to enlist the school classes to become more involved with the festival. There was discussion on the overall value of the school store. The PAA discussed teacher appreciation events. The spring book fair was very successful, raising \$4500 and earning many books for the library and donations to the classrooms. And the PAA is sponsoring the Internet Safety workshop (see above).

PLC Report (March meeting report)

Mike

The PLC's lone agenda discussion item was the Crosier property. The PLC will be sending out letters to all parishioners shortly to explain its decisions on the property uses.

Discernment

Ann

The council discussed the upcoming discernment evening on April 22. The discernment evening is an open call for new council members for all of the councils. Tom Savard joined this meeting to learn more about what the school council does as part of his discernment process.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Sommers