

Saint Isidore School Board
Minutes from the Monday, October 15, 2007 Meeting
5:00pm – 6:30 pm
Rettig Center Conference Room

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Dan Connolly at 5:00 PM

- A. *Members Present:* Dan Connolly, Kim Bongi, Paul Cowell, Andrea Eubanks, Joleen Lafayette, Lisa Seeno, Emily Szeto, Clay Wallace.
- B. *Members with Excused Absence:* Holly O'Dea
- C. *Ex-Officio Members Present:* Fr. Gerard Moran and Mrs. Jean Schroeder
- D. *Others Present:* Mrs. Foley, Mrs. Kehring, Jack Harrington; Students Nick Lettire, Carolyn Saca, Elyse Curran and Maggie Lettire.
- E. The September 18, 2007 meeting minutes were approved via e-mail vote.
- F. Student Members' report: They are currently working on Red Ribbon Week, Dance, Halloween Carnival, and Safety Awareness.
- G. Mrs. Kehring introduced herself as the new sixth grade teacher; students are showing a positive attitude towards the staff changes.
- H. It is the third year on staff for Mrs. Foley, Technology Director. She met with Clay Wallace to collaborate on Technology for the school.

2. Standing Reports

A. Pastor's Report – Fr. Gerry Moran

- 1. Fr. Moran noted the memorial service to be held for John Wright on Saturday, October 20, 2007. Dan Connolly suggested that the Board send a mass card to the Wright family.
- 2. Fr. Moran noted that the 5th grade served mass this morning.
- 3. Fr. Moran would like to extend a warm welcome to St. Isidore graduate, Transitional Deacon, Rev. Mr. Paul Grubb. He is studying to be a Jesuit.
- 4. Fr. Frank's Kids and the director are coming to our parish. They are musicians and folk dancers from Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos Orphanage in Mexico. Our parish is a great supporter of Fr. Frank's Kids as Fr. Frank was in residence here for a number of years. They will perform, and an auction will be held to benefit the orphans directly.
- 5. Fr. Moran noted our school's financial strength. Many inner city Catholic schools do not have resources to remain open. We are blessed.

B. Principal's Report – Jean Schroeder

- 1. The school has added one more student.
- 2. Jean introduced Jack Harrington, a school parent, who will work with the Board on its strategy planning as well as with WASC preparation.
- 3. The school's action plan is to educate our children about diversity, and the school plans to retain a consultant to assist.
- 4. There will be 6th - 8th grade math tutoring program for students. Lower grades are permitted to attend if there is space.
- 5. Ideally, all Board members should be available to help with WASC.
- 6. Jean thanked Kim Bongi for her assistance with the School's Safety drill.

7. The School directory will come out on Wednesday, October, 17, 2007.

C. PTG – Joe McSweeney

1. Joe was not present.

D. Foundation – Jim Reget

1. Jim was not present.
2. Dan Connolly announced that the Foundation had given a total of \$44,000.00 to Saint Isidore School.

E. Pastoral Council – Orlando Frasca

1. Orlando was not present.

3. School Board Committee Reports

A. Finance – Tuition Assistance Policy - Dan Connolly

1. The Finance Committee met on October 10, 2007.
2. Dan Connolly provided a copy of a sample tuition assistance application from Assumption School to committee members. All committee members agreed that after a few minor changes, the application could be adopted by Saint Isidore School for its own use.
3. There were discussions about a letter from the School Board to those parents who have previously received financial aid from Saint Isidore School to advise them about the new Saint Isidore School Tuition Assistance Policy.
4. Board members believed that a letter from Fr. Moran and Jean would be appropriate to advise these parents about the new tuition assistance policy.

B. Marketing/Development – School Publication - Joleen Lafayette/Holly O’Dea

1. Joleen will be working with Clay to produce an electronic copy for promoting our school. Cost will be approximately \$400.
2. We are targeting November to complete and distribute the next edition of the school publication.

C. Safety – Jean Schroeder/Kim Bongsi

1. Safety Drill oversight by Kim went well. One fireman and one policeman were included. It was a perfect way to drill while Jean, our school principal and leader, was off the school site due to her husband’s illness.
2. Children were visible to the parents in the gym.
3. Children would remain in the gym when it is a rainy day. Children would remain in the parking lot when it is a sunny day.
4. There will be thank you note to those who helped.

D. Technology – Clay Wallace

1. Clay met with Karen, from De La Salle, to research on a program called Constant Contact currently being used by De La Salle. She will work with Brad and Jean.
2. Karen has plan on training the teachers and integrate technology with school curriculum.

E. Membership – Dan Connolly/Andrea Eubanks

1. We will actively recruit and help people to become board members; we will be introducing in the near future a new model for the selection of Board members.

4. Strategy Planning – Jean Schroeder/Andrea Eubanks

A. Strategy Committee

1. At least one teacher on the Committee.
2. In a five year plan, there should be at least one teacher on the Committee.
3. Jean will accept recommendations about the plan.
4. We plan to get approval from Fr. Fred at Saint Joan's to talk about Saint Isidore's school's open enrollment at St. Joan masses.

5. Parish Fall Festival – Dan Connolly

A. School Board Members are encouraged to participate in the Festival this Sunday.

1. Kim will call cub scouts to help do clean up and remove pumpkins off the field.

6. New Business

There is no new business.

7. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM after a closing prayer by Father Moran.