

BOARD NOTES

August 2008

In Attendance: Fred Whitaker (Chair), Randy Einem (Principal), Steve Redding (Elder –non voting), Andrea Jensen (Auxiliary Rep), Andrea Dabrow, Mary Ann McCuiston, Lis Hohman **Absent:** Daryl Cole, Jason Neben, John Steinmeyer (Elder – non voting)

Randy led the opening devotion.

A Quorum was Established – 6 of 8 voting members present.

The Agenda was moved, seconded, and approved.

Student Leadership will not report until September meeting.

Special Events/Dates were given for August and September.

The June 18, 2008 minutes were moved, seconded and approved.

Karen Einem accepted as a teacher at St. John's beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. Contract issued in June.

Angie Bender was previously interviewed by the Teacher Call Committee for the middle school and was approved and placed as the 8th grade homeroom/History teacher.

Dave Stuewe e-mailed board during the summer to update on the Teacher Call Committee recommendations.

Randy submitted written enrollment reports for elementary and middle schools. School enrollment is 683 with 22 openings. Fred will get another post card campaign going for marketing in the first couple of weeks after school starts. Randy will get monthly reports for the board on enrollment and other matters for Lambs Lot.

Tuition planning for 3 years following 08-09 was discussed. This fall the board will get information on tuition planning with a January deadline to give to school families.

The increase in the number of half days on the 08-09 calendar is due to the WASC planning/meetings. Randy to make an announcement at the orientations, will send a letter to parents, and it will also be posted on Angel. Randy will also endeavor to put weekly Principal's messages on Angel.

Update on Laptop Program Implementation was discussed. Gateway (the original provider) switched production facilities and said they could not get the computers here until mid September or later, with delays thereafter for configuration. The Tech Task force researched and found that IBM has a similar tablet that could arrive sooner. The new laptops should arrive within the week and should be at St. John's next week and in the student's hands by the second week of school.

Excellence as our Goal (curriculum review, differentiated education etc) - The vision of St. John's to reach the goal of students, faculty and parents will be a long term discussion. Randy's suggesting that we develop target groups to determine what they think a St. John's graduate should look like. What direction do we all want to see our school going? Randy will develop questions to ask. The Board will determine the different stakeholder groups to be formed. The September meeting we will assimilate our findings to move to the next step.

Andrea Jensen submitted a School Auxiliary report highlighting the success of the Ice Cream social, a new Auxiliary website, the new student "Buddy" program, and the welcome letters to all new school families.

Upcoming Events also highlighted: 8/27 – welcome back coffee and muffins @ the gazebo and Lamppost Pizza Fundraiser – 12:00pm, 9/4 – Wrapping paper fundraiser begins, and 9/19 – Auxiliary Welcome Luncheon

Endowment Committee - Pastor Klinkenberg sent congregation a letter reminding them of their commitment. Fred will follow up on other methods to increase the endowment.

Randy submitted a Principal's report highlighting All Staff Retreat, new Faculty members and workshop, First faculty meeting and leadership/discussion points, the new field to be complete by August 27 and lunch table area to be completed during Christmas vacation, professional appearance on campus, Moms In Touch possibly coming to campus, individual 30+ minute meetings with all teachers for goals and expectations, and WASC information.

Randy will be making off campus trips for NLSA (National Lutheran School Accreditation commission) as he is chair-elect then will be chair for 3 years

Next Meeting – September 18, 2008

Adjournment with Closing Prayer