

SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

January 2009

Fred Whitaker (Chair), Daryl Cole, Randy Einem (Principal), Mary Ann McCuiston, Andrea Jensen, Andrea Dabrow, Lis Hohman, Danny Clinton (Preschool Director), Jason Neben Absent: Steve Redding (Elder), John Steinmeyer (Elder)

- Andrea Dabrow led the opening devotion.
- The Agenda was moved and approved.
- Cameron Wegener gave the following Student Leadership Report:
 - Denim for dollars January 16. Last Denim for dollars they raised \$593. They will be sending new/used books to Kenya through Graceworks.
 - OCQ Technology Conference on January 24th for teachers from other schools. Student leadership will help guide visitors, provide snacks, help with computers, set up, serve and breakdown equipment.
 - February 6, 2009 – Valentines Day dance – They are working with the Cantu family on a canned food drive. Students will either bring canned food for admission or pay \$5. All the money will go to the St. John’s food pantry.
 - February 14th –There will be a Valentines party @ Mercy House
 - Peer tutoring – they have had a couple of students in for peer tutoring
- Announcement/Dates
 - January 12 WASC – Noon Dismissal
 - 15 Middle School Open House 6:30-8:30
 - 19 MLD Day – No School
 - Auxiliary Golf Outing
 - 23 End of 2nd Quarter
 - Records Day – No School
 - 27 Report Cards & Test Scores sent home
 - February 4 Baptism Chapel
 - 9 WASC – Noon Dismissal
 - 13 Teacher In-Service – No School
 - 16 Presidents Day – No School
- The December 2008 Minutes were approved as presented.
- Randy Einem gave the following Principal’s Report:
 - 2009-10 Budget w/ Preschool Tuition Rates
 - Discussed solutions to the problem of many families adding, decreasing and changing class choice at various times for various reasons throughout the year. Due to these the preschool budget has had a \$51,000 variance/decrease.
 - Tuition rates proposed by Danny Clinton were moved and approved.

- Lunch Area Renovation – Renovations began December 22nd and will continue through January
- THINK Relocation – we may suggest to return to the previous location – “the house”
- THINK meeting – Randy met with the Randy Barth, CEO of THINK, Jeannie Knight, THINK Director, Colleen – Jeannie’s supervisor, Nancy Morris to discuss past, present and future of THINK.
- WASC – Final reports have been submitted by committees. Leadership team is reviewing them. Randy and Marsha are working on the school strategic improvement plan that will set the course for our future.
- Parent Survey – After reading 239 surveys, Randy made a priority list of common themes from greatest to least. He will be developing a form on these results to discuss what the greatest concerns are and how we can meet those needs. The form has all the information from the surveys including demographics and personal info. Randy will continue to develop and use information to incorporate new ideas for all aspects of St. Johns.
- Middle School – In reviewing parent comments, surveys and WASC documentation, it appears it would benefit from “brainstorming” ideas for a new design to our middle school. Randy will explore this with middle school faculty in the near future.
- Website Work – Corey Witt and associates are working on this project. Launch date will be late January.
- Technology – Randy found a favorable product called RenWeb (for more information the website it <http://www.renweb.com>). He has talked with auxiliary for funding and hopes to develop a 5 year technology plan. He will continue to pursue with Auxiliary.
- Auxiliary – Randy met with the Executive Board and asked them to revisit the purpose and function of Auxiliary. This will help when coordinating all aspects of the learning community of St. Johns and its future.
- Re-enrollment packets were sent January 12th
- A “Pathways to Learning Resource Program” was developed by Gary Unger and Randy which outlines and explains the limits of acceptance for the service of students by St. Johns.
- Admissions Steps – Randy has conducted preliminary discussions with faculty and staff concerning what our procedures are for admissions, specifically at the means by which we determine the child’s readiness for the grade level requested. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.
- ITBS and CoGAT scores/information were sent home with 2nd quarter report cards – teachers are using this information to identify learning abilities as well as achievement.
- Current enrollment is 684 students in K-8th grade.

- Curriculum Leadership Team is being developed to provide leadership and support to school faculty and staff for the regular evaluation, planning and implementation of curriculum and instruction for St. John's Lutheran School. We will look to find extra- curricular activities in addition to current teaching tools being used.
 - Staff Development – Sharon Frydendall, Katie Todd, Cathy Meier and Randy attended a math in-service on Feb 12. On Feb 13th the majority of the faculty will be attending an all day workshop on “reading comprehension” which is hosted by Orange County Lutheran Schools Conference. Some teachers who don't attend this will be spending the day with 1-1 laptop training. This is initial preparation for the 2nd year of the 1-1 laptops.
 - Sport Physical – Pam Pasco and Randy are beginning a preliminary study about developing a policy that all students who participate in our athletic program be required to have a sports physical before each school year.
 - Marketing/Enrollment Update – was discussed under Randy's report
 - Visioning the Future – In conjunction with WASC and the parent surveys conducted last year, Randy will be preparing a School Action Plan to begin sometime this spring. This will be further discussed at the February board meeting.
 - 2009/2010 School Calendar is in the beginning stages, Randy had some general St. John's policy questions.
- Andrea Jensen gave the following Auxiliary Report:
 - The 9th Annual St. John's Golf Tournament will be on January 19th at Western Hills Country Club. Still need golfers.
 - She is investigating changing the bylaws for serving terms from 2 years to 3 years. Basically this would help the incoming officer train under the outgoing officer for a year, and then have one year alone to work and then train the prospective new officer for a year. She is looking at timing to get it done for next year.
- Daryl Cole gave the following Endowment Report:
 - Endowment will give the school \$38,000.
 - Approved funding for a Development Director. Trustees will gather a committee together to find somebody for this position.
- Endowment fund down 25% last year.
 - Despite numerous attempts, the church has not sent out any notification to members of what they have given or still owe.
 - Technology Task Force – Andrea Dabrow – covered under Randy's report.

Meeting was adjourned with Closing Prayer

Next meeting is February 18, 2009.