

St. John Regional Catholic School
Board of Directors Meeting
September 11, 2007
7P.M.

Members Present:

John Hanrahan
Mike Currens
Bill Ballantyne
Ann McDermott
Frank Lipscomb
Will Hyde
Dick Graham
Rev. Keith Boisvert
Karen Smith
Jennifer Murphy

Members Absent:

Michael Goodwin
Steve Marks
Guthrie Quill

Guests Present:

Jean Wright
Paul Fer

The meeting started at 7:05pm
The Board Prayer was recited.
Welcome and introductions of members present.
June 07 minutes were approved and will be put on website.

Reports:

- Home and School Association
 - June Spring fair raised \$75,000 thanked for everyone's support
 - On August 23rd 300 people attended the Back to School night at the Keys game-students were admitted free. Paul Fer threw out the first pitch and students sang the national anthem and were on the field for promotions throughout the game.
 - Fall fundraiser selling Kathryn Beich and Otis Spunkmyer cookies
 - Agreed to pay school board \$60,000 for the 07-08 school year.
- Development
 - Annual Fund 06-07 raised \$21,000
 - Annual Fund 07-08 start in November
 - St. John the Evangelist Statue given by the McSherry family will be dedicated October 12.
 - SJRCS hospitality Sundays set in 8 parishes 9/23 through 12-2
- Principal Report
 - 60 campers attended 4 week summer camps
 - Current enrollment is 626.
 - School year dedicated to the saints of the Catholic Church.
 - SJRCS in September issue of Frederick Magazine
 - New Spanish partnership agreement with FCPS allowing FCPS to grant high school credit to a SJRCS student who passes 8th grade Spanish and the CRES assessment.
 - New this year are teacher websites that will be linked through the school website for parents.
 - Quest is creating an Enrichment Cluster program for all 5-8th grade students. The last 2 periods of First Fridays will be used to learn more about specific areas of interest.
 - Kindergarten is piloting a new Superkids Reading Program and second grade is piloting a new Closer Look Science program. Both of these programs are free.
 - The Maryland State Department of Education and textbook funding program for non-public schools paid \$20,000 towards the purchase of new social studies materials for K-2 and new text books from 3-8. New math books were also purchased this year for 6-8th grades.
 - SJRCS has been appointed a new Associate Superintendent named Mary Jo Hutson.

- SJRCS is the only Catholic School in Frederick County to be chosen as a Professional Development School for student interns from Mount St. Mary's. We currently have three interns this semester student teaching.
- Finance
 - The archdiocese reviewed the final year financial report and was pleased with the operations for last year.
 - Meeting on 9/25 with SKD to finalize Memorandum of Understanding agreement.
 - Preventive maintenance contracts are being required by the AOB for the roof, HVAC and kitchen equipment.
 - Service Master will continue with the cleaning contract after many bids were received and reviewed.
 - Proposed 30 year fixed mortgage for building at 6.5% from AOB. Board will vote after review of details of mortgage.
- Facilities
 - Frank Lipscomb was voted in to be the new facilities Chairperson.
 - A review was given on the status of the building and future needs of Jim Ulmer.
 - A second facilities position is open from 2-10pm.

Old Business:

- John has sent a letter to Bishop Malooly, and copied Dr. Valente and Mary Jo Hutson, regarding the appointment of the four parish priests to the board according to the new governance. Father Keith will also email the Bishop regarding this issue.
- Review of the facility and planning proposals
- Plans for the memorandum of understanding meeting were made
- The sports committee has gotten approval by SKD property management team for improvements of the sports fields. The sports committee will pay for this \$10,000 cost with donations already made to the group. Pat Crowley will be invited to attend October meeting to discuss future expenses associated with the upkeep and maintenance of the sports fields that are improved.

New Business:

- Barbara Onofrey from Mount St. Mary's will be joining the school board in October. She is in charge of the partner programs and we look forward to her input as an added value to the board.
- New membership nominations should be forwarded to Guthrie. Still looking for 1 board member from St. Joseph's parish as well as the St. Mary's and St. Francis Parish
- A membership pamphlet will be made by the membership committee and distributed to all members at the October meeting.
- Maryland Catholic Conference will be using our school again to host the Boast Lobby of the legislature on behalf of the Catholic Schools.
- The board is going to update and improve the website presence
- A School Board Brochure is being created to explain the duties of the school board and will be handed out at the upcoming Home and School Association Meeting.
- We received a copy of the principals new goals for the upcoming principal review
- Proposed amendment to the Bylaws regarding the removal of board members for non attendance by majority vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Murphy
Secretary