

# St. Luke School Advisory Board Meeting

August 16, 2011

## Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.
- Attendees: Louis Phillips, Mrs. Beer, Jeremy Hewitt, Mary Swaney, Julie Hulick, Brian Zimmer, Mrs. Barbalaci, Greg Luce, Monsignor Tom & Kari Sala.
- Excused: Carmen Miraszek, Julie Greissinger & Kevin Russell.

## Opening Prayer

- The opening prayer was lead by Monsignor Tom.

## Approval of Minutes

- June minutes were approved.

## Pastor's Report

- Monsignor Tom reviewed action taken by the Arch Diocese of Los Angeles regarding a 200 day school year. Students would have an 11 month school year instead of 10 months. Monsignor suggested this as a business proposition for St. Luke in the future.
- Many pros and cons were discussed including – Gives children something constructive to do rather than boredom over the summer (pro), children would not lose what they have learned during the school year due to the long summer break (pro), grade school level kids could possibly take advanced or if necessary remedial courses (pro), teacher salaries would increase 10% so the program would have to pay for itself (con), bussing children would be an issue in the summer (con), summer heat would be problem in rooms without air conditioning (con).
- This will be reviewed again in future meetings.

## Principal's Report

- Mrs. Beer discussed the following:
  - As of 8/16 enrollment is up to 324 with 225 families.
  - Pre-K has only one opening left. 33 Pre-K students are new families.
  - Lost 3 existing students – 1 moved out of state; 2 had academic concerns.
  - Hannah Finegan has been hired to replace Mrs. Denslinger for her 2 year leave.
  - Meghan Reger and Angela Meabon have been hired as new 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers.
  - Mr. Schwabenbauer will be coming back to teach 7/8 grade math until Mrs. Musi returns.
  - Meet n Greet will begin in the cafeteria at 5:30 with 3 to 4 minute presentations to be given by our different organizations (PTO, Athletic, School Advisory Board).
  - Art room has been painted and new tile floor installed.
  - New double doors in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and kindergarten hallways have been installed. Gate has been removed.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms have been re-painted.

### **Advancement**

- Jeremy's external hard drive has been broken. School calendars will be distributed as soon as information is retrieved or re-entered. Changes to website will be updated as soon as information is recovered.
- Jeremy has been working on marketing projects. One possibility for next year is to advertise on billboards for our open house. Cost is roughly \$350 - \$750 depending on type of advertising.
- Jeremy has also checked into possibly advertising at the Millcreek mall on one of the electronic backlit signs.
- Working on letter to send to parishioners and families requesting \$100 donation to allow school video to be used as TV advertisement. If 100 people could respond with a \$100 donation we would have \$10,000 to pay for advertising on TV.
- Jeremy is asking for ideas for a major fundraiser that could potentially raise \$30,000 or more. Some ideas suggested were – raffle for sports event, cruise, Las Vegas, room makeover, lottery raffle.

### **New Business**

- School finances are in good standing. We have taken in 28% and only spent 7%.
- Lunch cost is increasing .10. This will help offset costs.
- Suggestion made to purchase ultra violet film to cover windows in Kindergarten hallway to help reduce heat in classrooms.

### **Closing Prayer**

- The closing prayer was led by Monsignor Tom.

### **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

### **Next Meeting**

- The next meeting of the St. Luke School Board will be Tuesday, September 20, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Luke School Library.