

ST. THERESA SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting Minutes – August 14, 2007

Attendance --

Father McFadden
Elaine Herald
Margaret Barrett, Principal (outgoing)
Eileen McMullin, Vice-Principal
Rhonda Houseman, Teacher Representative (outgoing)
Carol Cuthbertson
Joe Lund
Donna Clark
Joanna Borza
Julie Deppen
Kathy Grogan
Mark Reilly
Doug Musselman
Danielle Tedesco
Patty Berrigan
Sue Weaver
Donna Hunter
Lynda Haser

Excused Absence -- Austin Grogan, Glenda Arnold

I. OPENING PRAYER

Joe Lund called the meeting to order and Father McFadden provided an opening prayer.

II. APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES

Approval of May 2007 Minutes deferred until the October meeting.

III. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Joe Lund is excited about the upcoming school year; Margaret Barrett, newly appointed Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools for the Harrisburg Diocese, will assist in the transitioning of a new principal for the school; Joe thanked Margaret for
4 great years.

IV. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Margaret thanked the school board for all the support
- noted that she is no longer on STS payroll and that she would not be involved in any interviews for the new principal position - currently interviewing for new school nurse
- 7 new air conditioners installed in the school
- new carpet in preschool and copy room
- new IP phones installed in all classrooms (intercom phone and also can dial directly to 911)
- Janet Costello is the new 2nd grade teacher; Deanna Risser on maternity leave this year; Helen Sheaffer is the French teacher for grades 1-6
- enrollment at 497 (budgeted for 505)
- outstanding tuition for last year was \$5,000
- over \$25,000 provided in financial aid to families
- new maintenance supervisor is Jim Rodriguez
- new report cards will be used this year- 7th and 8th graders will have “specials” graded; going to trimester this year.

V. FINANCE REPORT

None available; deferred to October meeting.

VI. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Rhonda Houseman reported that the teachers are in the school and getting ready for the new school year; school theme is “DOG”- Depend on God. Rhonda will be replaced with new teacher representative by the next board meeting.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Development** (Mark Reilly/Donna Clark)- \$22,000- \$23,000 profit from Simple Grand Event; Golf Tournament at Valley Green coming up in October chaired by Joe Centurione.

- **Marketing** (Brigid Alford)- gearing up for the new families/Kindergarten/preschool parents Ice Cream Social in August.

- **Little Saints Academy (formerly Day Care)** (Carole Cuthbertson)- fully staffed; 35 children enrolled (24 full time and 11 part time); art work for doorway will be done; looking for staff for Before/After School program.

- **Technology** (Doug Musselman)- will be installing new server and current server will be used as back up; will be developing new e-mail addresses because of current spam problems; wireless set up for Little Saints Academy- other areas being considered; send Doug items to update the STS website; meeting to be held next week for Technology Committee.

- **Policy and Procedure**- nothing to report at this time.

VIII. P.T.O. REPORT

Danielle Tedesco reported that the PTO will be doing pumpkin painting at the New Cumberland Apple Festival which was a huge success last year; uniform exchange was a great success in August; paper/candy fundraiser will be held in September; assembly on internet safety by the Office of Attorney General will be held in October; swimming in November; disbanding the newsletter because Saints Shout is complete with the same information.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- All Day Kindergarten- keep options open and need to explore having ½ day and full day; will ask Glenda Arnold to look into this; parent Lynda Haser commented that East Pennsboro gave parents the option for full and ½ day and eventually went to only full day because that is what the parents wanted.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- Summer contact information- discussed issue of summer assignments and the need to have a teacher available to answer questions about the assignment; resolved that a parent in this situation should contact the school by phone or e-mail and the school will contact the teacher to get in touch with the student/parent.
- Alternate Board Member- Rob Eby resigned his position and Julie Deppen will fill that seat; Joe Lund asked for names by all board members to have 2 alternates named to the board.
- Parent Comments- asked for current meeting minutes to be published on the STS website and that agenda be published prior to each board meeting- Joe will make sure this happens; asked whether parents can sit in classrooms to observe- STS administration should be contacted and they will set up a time for parents to observe classrooms; discussed use of e-mails in distributing information to families

XI. CLOSING PRAYER

Father McFadden offered a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:30.