

St. Dominic Board Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2011

Attendance:

John Graves, Pam Breunig, Fr. Pepper Elliott, Tina Borders, Brian Mattingly, Susan McCain, Alicia O'Cull, Brandon Riley, Tina Sagrecy, Anne M. Taylor,

Motion to approve minutes:

Brian Mattingly

Anne M. Taylor

Father- October the 17th, a group from the Parish Building and grounds met with the school building and grounds committees led by Andy Matherly- Made a list of needs. They are prioritizing those needs. Most immediate attention is the flashing on the roof, gutters- much repair needed. These repairs will help in the leaking in the rooms.

Pam discussed the urgent needs: Flashing on the roof and Gutters- Much repair needed. These problems are causing water to leak into the classrooms and downstairs bathroom causing mold growth.

Smart boards- Talked about what asset they are to the building and how they are being used.

Professional Dev.- Teachers attended their 2nd PD- Instruction practices that reach all students- Differentiated instruction and Standards Based Grading processes.

Explore Test- 21- 8th grade students are taking the Explore exam. 100% of students will have the test completed by Friday.

Kindle- Have purchased one for use.

Discussion on- can personal Kindle's be brought to school and should there be guidelines outlined for the use of these types of items including iPads, iPods, iPhones, etc... (Technology Committee- Will research and look at policies already developed by other schools)

Several St. D staff will be attending a luncheon at the Arch Diocese.

Athletics- Handbook- A change has been presented to be made to the handbook Athletic Eligibility- All students will be required to:

- Add #1- Be enrolled at St. Dominic School.
- Remove the 7th bullet of the current policy under Eligibility completely.

Motion was made to approve the second reading of the above changes:

Motion: Brandon Riley

Second: Alicia O'Cull

Consensus: yes

Met with Parish Finance Committee- Had questions about demographics of enrollment etc...

As of Sept 30, 2011:

88,036

86,306

Only down 1730

Committee is very pleased- has been much lower in the past. Our pledge amount was already 30,000 over what it had been in the past.

Brian suggests that we have a meeting with parent to inform them of the progress that has been made.

Discussion of the new Science Lab- Board members looked at and discussed the lab layout.

Nominated for School Board secretary- Tina Borders, Tina Border accepts the nomination.

Nomination for Vice President- Brian Mattingly, Brian Mattingly accepts the nomination.

Nomination for President- Anne M. Taylor, Anne M. Taylor accepts the nomination

Next meeting- November 16th- 7:30pm

Motion to adjourn:

Motion- Susan McCain

Second- Brian Mattingly

St. Dominic School Board Meeting Minutes November 16, 2011

Attendance-John Graves, Curtis Hamilton, Pam Breunig, Alicia O’Cull, Anne Margaret Taylor, Tina Sagrecy, Fr. Pepper, Susan McCain, Brian Mattingly, Tina Borders, Melissa Taylor, Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Fatizzi(teacher representatives).

The meeting began with an introduction of the new committees and members. A one hour work session followed for each of these committees.

Opening prayer was offered by Fr. Pepper.

No minutes were presented from the last meeting.

Pastors report-Fr. Pepper discussed the needs made by the Building and Grounds Committee to repair numerous leaks in the building that are in turn causing other major problems. Building of Future of Hope funds *may* be donated to help aid in these unexpected expenses. A preliminary amount of \$10,000-20,000, is being considered . Father Pepper is to check on this. Work to start the flashing of the brick and gutter replacement/repair will start this process very soon with many other repairs to follow in the months ahead.

Principles report-Mrs. Breunig presented a brochure on “Reading Eggs”,an online reading program currently being used by Mrs. Hooper on a free trial basis. This program is purchased with an annual subscription. A one year subscription will accommodate both Kindergarten and first grade and was donated by Melissa Taylor and Susan McCain of the school board. Mrs. Breunig would like to extend availability of this program to other grades depending on funding. The Technology grant update was also reviewed by the board. The awarded amount was \$21,375.00 with expenditures of \$21,293.98. To date we have purchased: a Dell Vostro PC(tower only), 6 SmartBoards including installation, 4 Dell Vostro PC’s, SmartBoard projector and 2 SMART Slates.

Athletics were not in attendance, instead included a very in depth update in the Weekly Newsletter.

Faculty report-2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade will be going on a field trip next week to Elizabethtown to watch “Cinderella” ballet.

Mrs. Fatizzi has been working on Mass music with the students as well as the Christmas Program

All other grades reported things were going well.

Business-One member from each committee was asked about what they had discussed earlier and to share some agenda items for their next meeting.

Learning Environment Committee member Melissa Taylor reported discussing a school safety plan and possibly implementing a Gifted and Talented Program.

Efficiency Committee member Anne Margaret Taylor discussed reviewing and making updates to the School Improvement Plan to be in accordance with the Archdiocese requests. She also talked about the issue of possibly having to change our Vision Statement. She suggested polling a couple of students from each grade to see how well the students understand the Vision statement, this being the main concern of the Archdiocese.

Technology committee member Brian Mattingly reported that his committee's number one priority was to purchase a filtering system for computers throughout the school. This would protect our system from viruses and our children from harmful material.

Academic Performance committee member Tina Sagrecy reported that they would like to draft a plan for student goal setting done on three separate levels: elementary, intermediate, and middle.

Advancement committee member Alicia O'Cull reported that their group discussed updating and maintaining the Annual Fund Drive data base. They plan to contact Bethlehem about ideas on promoting our school. They want to look at implementing an "Adopt A Child" program so that the underprivileged in our community may also get an opportunity to attend St. Dominic School. They also discussed developing a newsletter to send to Alumni and they want to better utilize the local newspaper to share news about our school.

A request was made by Melissa Taylor to change the School Board Meeting time from 7:30 to 6:30.

Motion to adjourn was made by Melissa Taylor and seconded by Curtis Hamilton.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2012.

Closing Prayer was offered by Mrs. Bruenig.