

Holy Rosary School Board Meeting  
Minutes  
March 24, 2008

Present: Mary Campbell, Frank Nash, Don Kneepkens, Dan Gliscinzinski, Tom Vecchi, Jesse Murray, Ann Lenz, Dan Menor, Krissa Christian, JoAnn Lundstrom, Wendy Deibele, Brandon Olson, Mary McClernon, Michelle Peterson, and Butch Brula

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by B. Olson

**Opening Prayer** was led by J. Murray

B. Brula motioned to approve the minutes and J. Lundstrom seconded. The motion carried.

**Board Chair Comments:** B. Olson discussed the nominating process for next year's board. There will be six members leaving but will want to recruit eight new members for next year. The nominating committee, which is comprised of the executive board and the outgoing board members, can appoint up to two board positions. This is usually done when a committee needs someone with expertise in that area. The other nominations are put in a hat and are drawn out at the April meeting.

The letter regarding school board nominations went out in the last Frequent Flyer, so can start to ask people to consider nominating themselves to be on the board. J. Murray will ask about having this read in church and will add it to the bulletin.

We need members on all of our committees next year. The deadline for nominations is April 18<sup>th</sup>. The names will be drawn at the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Committee reports should be sent to the secretary by the Wednesday before the school board meeting. Buildings and Grounds did want to report that four bids have been sent out for the new security doors. These should be returned within the next week. It takes six to eight weeks to make the doors, so installation should begin sometime in June.

**Principal's Comments:** J. Murray began with the DACS update. The DACS board has moved forward with marketing in the Duluth News Tribune and also in the Northern Cross. Some of the money for this has come from donations.

SMART, the new tuition collection program seems to be going well. Families who have used the computer program for tuition assistance have approved of the format.

The DACS board is considering eliminating the discount for families with multiple children in our area Catholic schools. The families who currently receive the discount would be grandfathered in, but new families would not be eligible for this discount but would be directed to apply for tuition assistance. After much discussion, our board

decided to send a letter to the DACS board asking them to clarify this matter for us and asking them if we could offer alternative options. This is an issue that our board has struggled with as well because we would like to support the families while maintaining financial stability.

Accreditation has been moved back one year to 2011.

The Safe Schools projects are moving forward. The doors should be installed sometime early this summer. Also, a new phone program that will send one message out to all the families will be tested soon and should be up and running by next fall. Will work on criteria for what and when this system will be used.

Enrollment Update- The deadline for pre-registration is April 2<sup>nd</sup>. A fee will be assessed to our returning families who do not reply by this date because decisions regarding next year's faculty and classes depend on these replies.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> is the deadline to guarantee acceptance in a class.

**Action Items:** The vision discussion was postponed until next month's meeting. B. Olson asked the board to read the "Visions for a Successful School" and to look for gaps, to consider ideas that should be clarified and to notice values that seem to be surfacing. Looking at "what" we want to be and then will begin to consider "how" we can get there.

The next meeting is Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Committee reports should be sent to the secretary by Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Nomination sheets were handed out to each board member and they were asked to try to recruit parents for next year's board.

B. Brula motioned for adjournment and D. Menor seconded. The motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:30.

Minutes submitted by Ann Lenz, secretary.