

St Francis De Sales School Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2009

Present: Father Bob Penhallurick, Cheryl Spain, Julie Elwell, Nancy Dietz, Diane Paul, Phil Olinger, Michele Burd, Jennifer Lee, Keith Skekeley, Brooke Chute, Vicki Pressey

Next meeting: September 22, 2009, 7:00 P.M., Lamy Center

Opening Prayer

Pastor's Report from Fr Bob:

- The church is “storm proofing” windows
- Some masonry fell at the back right of the church
- There was a spontaneous break in the cry room window
- We are going to re-organize the pews to increase seating by 160 people
- The tabernacle might be moved to the alter
- The organ needs work!
- The plan is for hardwood to replace the carpet
- The Generations campaign is about to start
 - We are looking for your time and talent
- End of the year deficit was less than expected due to window repair
- Collections need to raise \$5000/month
- Junior high sports coaches will have a mandatory education September 16th
 - It will be taught by Dobie Moser who is passionate about sports and Catholicism
- Budget handout was reviewed

Principal's report from Cheryl Spain:

- We have approximately 350 families with 421 students in the school
- A handout was distributed that shows if families left, why they left
- Drive will count for volunteer hours
- There will be used uniforms at the Bazaar

Discussion:

- There were concerns from some 1st grade parents about how many students were in each class
 - There are 29 & 30 in each class

- In order to have three 1st grade classes we would have at least an additional \$50,000 in salary and benefits to hire a new teacher
 - If this occurred, it would be reflected in an increase in tuition for all students
- There are aids in the classroom, but not full time
- Encourage parents to see if there is anything they can do to help the teacher
- St Matthews in Gahanna has 35 students in each class and there is a wait list if someone drops out
 - We don't want to be at that level
- Michele Burd elected Chair

Closing Prayer