

**St Francis De Sales School Advisory Board**  
Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2009

*Present:* Cheryl Spain, Cindy Myers, Paul Ohl, Julie Elwell, Nancy Dietz, Diane Paul, Michele Burd, Keith Skekeley, Brooke Chute, Vicki Pressey

*Next meeting:* November 24, 2009, 7:00 P.M., Lamy Center

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Opening Prayer

Pastor's Report reported by Cheryl Spain:

- Handout from Father Bob

Principal's report from Cheryl Spain:

- We are \$20,000 short on receipts
  - This is not over spending, these are receipts that have not come in yet
  - Some subsidy's from other parishes have not come in yet
- The School Drive is at \$9,000, not bad considering the economy
  - We were at \$20,000 the first year (three years ago), \$12,000 two years ago, \$10,000 last year
  - We will look toward the bazaar to see if we can make it up there
- Marketing
  - Dr. Spain is updating the database
  - It is time consuming, but effective
    - The database has all parishioners' names that have children 0-11.
    - There are 2200 names in the database
    - Personal letters are sent to all of these families
- Incentive to refer a family
  - If a registered family refers a family, and that family registers, and starts to pay by July, the referring family will get \$50
  - Registration fee will be waived if they register by January 1, 2010
- Terra Nova testing is complete!
  - Casual day on Friday
  - Students and teachers are tired, but happy it is over!
- Math review
  - All grades are doing a daily math review of 5 problems every day
- There is new signage for all classrooms, stairwells and hallways
  - This meets the needs of our crisis plan

Discussion:

- Julie Elwell asked a question regarding Newark City School changing start times in January.
  - They are doing this because they will again have busing
  - Will this change our start time
  - Dr. Spain did not think so, but will check
- There was a question about where the money goes for Market Day and Box Tops
  - This goes to PTA
  - There will be a Box Top drive in February
- There was a question about Red Ribbon Month
  - This is paid for by Drug Free money.
  - Our money was cut, so we are not doing this
- There was a question about merit system
  - Some parents felt it was not dealt with fairly
    - Refer parents to the individual teacher
- There was a question about when do we start getting letter grades
  - We do this in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades.
  - The Diocese would like us to not have letter grades until high school, but we feel it is beneficial to have them in junior high
- Paul Ohl mentioned a letter that was sent home from N.C.
  - It was in response to loss of state funding
    - It was based in facts/numbers/stats
      - 1.7 billion dollars are saved by children going to Catholic schools
      - If 10 % of this students went back to the public schools because on increased tuition that they cannot afford, the state has lost that savings
  - Paul will get us a copy of the letter

Closing Prayer