

# Saint John the Apostle Interim School Advisory Board

## Minutes (5-20-08)

1. The Chairman of the School Advisory Board conducted the Call to Order at 6:30 pm and led all in the opening prayer.
2. Attending the Board meeting for the evening was the School Business Manager, Mr. George Sorrentino, School Facilities Manager Wayne Lombardo, and the School Development Director, Marilyn Ertel. Also attending was the Prospective School Principal Joseph Badali and a school parent Mrs. K Diedrich. Excused for the evening by prior correspondence with the Board Chairman was:
  - Mr. Sue Skoczynski
  - Mr. Larry Piper
  - Ms. Veronica Hornung
  - Ms. Karen Fittler
  - Mr. Davy Andrews
3. Prior to business part of the meeting, Marilyn Ertel reported to the Board the following:
  - Currently there are 15 businesses that have aligned themselves as “partners in Education with Saint Johns
  - The school has received a \$52,000.00 grant for technology needs.
  - Planning for the annual golf tournament is ongoing
  - A marketing brochure is in development
4. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected
5. There Pastor for his report used the time to thank Ralph and the Board for its work this past year.
6. The Principal, Mr. Ralph Mizelle, reported the following:
  - As this was his last meeting as the Interim School Principal, offered thanks to the Board for their work and support.
  - Introduced Mr. Joe Badali to those who had not met him.
  - All returning teachers and staff have contracts for the next school year in hand. There are some vacancies as a result of retirements and other reasons.
  - At this point class sizes appear to be shaping up as follows:
    - One Pre-K
    - One Kindergarten, potentially two
    - Two First Grade
    - Two Third Grade.
  - Middle school enrollment is up. Total enrollment right now stands at 194.
7. The Board Chairman, Mr. Dave Smith reported the following:
  - This will be the final Board meeting of the 2007-2008 school year

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8. The following Committee Chairman reported:

- Development/Grants & Endowment:
  - Recommend this committee be combined with Marketing next year
  - Will continue to work issues through the summer
  
- Finance
  - \$7100.00 worth of scholarships were awarded to 7 families
  - 6 families applied for Diocesan aid. There is \$200,000.00 available from the Diocese.
  - Awaiting traditional yearly funding from the Knights of Columbus for use in scholarships/aid
  - Preliminary budget has been sent to Diocese
  - Recommend an annual audit function be added to the duties of the Finance Committee
  
- Strategic Planning
  - No report
  
- Physical Plant/Building & Grounds
  - Cross Council/Board team studying parish office issue has made its presentation to the Parish Pastoral Council
  
- Legislative Advocacy
  - Reported on the success on aid given to the St Joseph's School in Petersburg which was potentially to be closed.
  - Catholic Virginian contains an article regarding Bishop's views/report on Catholic schools
  - Permissive legislation has been passed to allow private schools to purchase textbooks at the same rate as public schools.
  - Share a Ride legislation is still working
  
- Public Relations/Marketing
  - Survey has been completed and should be presented to the Board and new principal soon.
  
- Technology
  - No report

9. There was no old business discussed

10. There was no new business:

11. Prayer requests were taken and the Chairman led all in a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm

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