

# Saint John the Apostle Catholic School Board

## Minutes 08 04 09

1. Call to Order – 6:30pm
2. Opening Prayer - completed
3. Roll Call of Board Members – completed – absent Mark Snyder, Vivian Uthe
4. Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting - waived
5. Report of Pastor – n/a – Father Robb was absent
6. Report of Principal – Mr. Badali spoke on several issues
  - developing our school will require convincing our target population of parents that the value in sending their children to SJA is worth it vs. the fine –free- public schools we compete with – Three Oaks and Red Mill are our neighbors and main competition. Class size is a critical component – in order to achieve and maintain we need to grow and develop. As to this, Mr. Badali will see the SJA staff as projecting professionalism at all times, and sees the School Board and the parents and students “talking up” the school and spreading the good word. “Person-to-person” referrals are invaluable
  - developing relationships with potential significant donors to the school would be charged to the school board – further, we need to see exactly where we are as to who is contributing currently, and where opportunities are in the future. Designating certain projects by name may be an “easier” sell for some – i.e. updating the computer lab vs. a general donation to the school
  - this school year the faculty should use the new “Educational Line” (edline.net) internet site to give updates and grade information to the parents – the Principal’s office will also use this tool to give general updates to the school community – the children should know that there is a good, working communication process that is ongoing
  - the physical office layout needs to be tweaked for a more open professional appearance. We could use a front entrance portico (overhang) to shield all from the elements, and the physical plant itself should always be clean
7. Report of Board Chairman – Terry introduced the board, and mentioned that Ken Jordan and Rich Arnold would work on development and Vivian Uthe would work as our legislation advocate. In October new board members should consider attending training relative to school board membership duties.
8. Report of Committee Chairpersons - deferred
  - Development/Grants & Endowment
  - Finance
  - Strategic Planning
  - Physical Plant/Building & Grounds/ Technology
  - Legislative Advocacy
  - Public Relations/Marketing

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9. Old Business – as to bingo, George Sorrentino is still looking at this – discussion followed as to the monetary advantages from bingo to the intricacies of making it work – the primary need would be the parent volunteers – this may be overcome w/ the agreement that bingo working assignments would count toward the 25 hour school volunteer rule

10. New Business - as to the school budget – school board members will want to comment on an e-mail from George – presently we have 215 students – our break even point is approximately 250 to 260 students

11. Closing Prayer - completed

12. Adjourn – 7:30pm