

MINUTES

St. Athanasius School Board Meeting

August 3, 2009

Minutes unapproved – These minutes will be approved by the Board at the next meeting.

In Attendance:

Diane Arrow	Sara Gipson
Carol Averill	Mary Ann Hettinger
Tracy Burba	Shannon Jenkins
Kevin Byerly	Jodi Renn
Karen Dries	Nancy Vowels
Kelley Fletcher	

Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Carol Averill at 7:00 p.m..

Opening prayer was led by Dianne Arrow.

Roll call was held as indicated above. The board introduced themselves and new board members, Tracy Burba, Sara Gibson, and Jodi Renn were welcomed.

The minutes from May were approved.

PRINCIPAL'S REMARKS

- A. Bill Draper resigned his position on the Board due to personal commitments. Jodi Renn was drawn as his replacement. School Board Code of Ethics was discussed and reviewed.
- B. School Budget not available at this time and will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- C. At this time, enrollment is down about six students, but additional registrations are expected. Registration packets have been distributed to most families and are already being returned.
- D. New teachers have been added to the school staff. Donna Conrad has joined St. Athanasius as a 1st grade teacher, Amanda Brown comes to St. Athanasius from New Orleans as an 8th grade teacher, and Kris Autry will be the new Spanish teacher.
- E. New board members will be attending a New Members Orientation School Board Workshop at the Flaget Center on Saturday, August 22, 2009.
- F. Survey results from the 2008-2009 Board member's survey were presented to the board.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Carol is finalizing the plan to have new banners featuring our tag line and core values in place before the October Open House. These banners are intended to increase our Catholic Identity and will be placed inside and outside of the school. Quotes have been received. Donny Reddington has agreed to make and install banner brackets at cost. FastSigns will print banners. School board will be submitting a grant application to the PTO for additional funds for banner cost.
- B. Nancy Vowels sat in on the Formation Committee meeting. A focus of the meeting was discussing ways to retain parish members after their children move on to high school.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Carol conducted a review of new year School Board documents.
- B. Standing Committee objectives were discussed and members were asked to sign-up to work on these committees.
 - a. PR committee to begin gathering baptism records and begin database to target prospective students as well as to keep in touch and promote Open House. Plans also include beginning an alumni database and presenting on Outstanding Alumni Award on Student Appreciation Day during Catholic Schools Week. The Record and Courier Journal will be contacted for photo and story submission and award will be presented after all school mass. Another PR project will be to promote the capital campaign “Building a Future of Hope”
 - b. Parent Communication Committee will continue to encourage families to fulfill work commitments. It remains a priority in order to keep tuition fees low. Discussion was held regarding writing a procedure for procuring and using, as well as promoting the use of, Kroger Cards as a means to reduce technology fees for all families.
- C. Proposed amendments to the Long Range Plan Goal were approved.
- D. Carol introduced the Building a Future of Hope Campaign, a capital fundraising campaign in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Louisville to raise funds for tuition assistance, school maintenance, etc. More details to come.
- E. October Open House will be Wednesday, October 21, 2009; 9:00-11:00 a.m. & 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting – Monday, September 14, 2009