

HOLY GHOST SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 2 2010

Preschool Classroom

Call to Order: 7:05 PM

Opening Prayer: Jennifer Anaya

Call of Role:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Jennifer Anaya	President	Present
Andrea Trovato	Vice President	Present
Bridget Fallon	Education Officer	Present
Christine Simonides	Secretary	Present
Josephine Dellaria	PSA Director	Present
John Jablonski	Finance Officer	Present
Deb Dwinell	School Enrichment	Present

EX-OFFICIO:

Diana Mendez	Principal	Present
Rev. Kevin Farrell	Pastor	Absent

GUESTS:

Nancy Minard
Richard Reiss
Patti Jaloweic
Niall Lynas

Old Business:

Questions from guests regarding the merger of St. Peter the Apostle and Holy Ghost Schools:

- *Why do we have to change our name?*

It has been mandated by Bishop Sartain. In essence both schools are closing and are combining to create an entirely new entity. The Bishop will approve the new name of the school. This name change will likely occur regardless of the number of students coming from St. Peter's.

- *How many children per class and will there be aides?*

Classrooms can take 35 students each. An aide may be provided for classrooms with over 32 students in the lower grades.

- ***How will registration be handled?***

Registration will begin March 1, 2010 and be open to all students currently enrolled in Holy Ghost and St. Peter's. April 1, 2010 enrollment becomes open to anyone else who wishes to attend the new school. Enrollment is on first come first serve basis, priority is not given to either school.

- ***What happens to the Endowment Fund?***

The Endowment Fund will remain with the school. In the event the new school closes, the Endowment Fund reverts to the Parish. The Diocese would take over the fund if the parish closes.

It is believed that St. Peter's does not have an Endowment Fund.

- ***Who gets the \$500/child scholarship offered by the Diocese?***

Those children affected by their school's building physically closing down and having been displaced. The Scholarship does not apply to children of Holy Ghost. The Scholarship also does not apply to those leaving the diocese.

- ***How do we go forward with the merger?***

The current school board from Holy Ghost and St. Peter's will make up the transition team.

Beginning of regular School Board Meeting:

Review of Minutes:

Minutes of October 6, 2009 approved without change

Motion: Deb Dwinell

Seconded: Andrea Trovato

Pastor's Report:

Father Kevin - No report

Administrator's Report:

Diana Mendez

- Over 50 families attended Catholic Schools Week Open House on Sunday.
- Save Haiti mission has raised approximately \$800 with Pancake Breakfast still to come. Funds will be given to Catholic Relief Fund.
- \$139,500 in the Endowment Fund.
- March 3rd is *Catholics at the Capital* in Springfield. No children this year.

President's Report:

Jennifer Anaya

Attended the Shine Your Light to Catholic Schools meeting. Suggests liaison between legislature and school board to keep parents informed. Also joined President's Forum in order to network with other school board presidents.

Vice President's Report:

Andrea Trovato - No report

Finance Officer's Report:

John Jablonski – No report

Education & Financial Reports:

Bridget Fallon -

Went to meeting with local legislators. They want to hire a lobbyist to restore funds to non-public schools. They are urging participation at the Springfield meeting, adults only this year.

Wrote Meitler response and worked on presentation to diocese. Attended meeting with diocese and St. Peter's and created timeline.

Working on next year's budget including tuition.

PSA Director's Report:

Josephine Dellaria

- Spaghetti Dinner – Successful event that raised approximately \$6,400.
- Market Day sales are ahead of last year
- Fashion Show is coming up May 14

School Enrichment Report:

Debbie Dwinell

Worked on presentation for Meitler/diocese meeting. Gave presentation at meeting.

Attended diocese meeting for marketing and created timeline.

Secretary's Report:

Christine Simonides

Worked on Meitler response.

Suggested that meeting minutes be emailed within two (2) days of meeting for review and approval.

New Business:

School Homework Club – Will send email notice to parents asking for level of interest in proceeding with a supervised hour of homework only time. Cost would be \$5.00/hr/child. Sue Jablonski has offered to help. Offered to children in grades 5 through 8. Would be three (3) days a week. Days to be determined. Email to be sent out to assess interest.

Summer Academy – A combination of academics, sports and free time. Run similar to a day camp from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Sessions are two weeks each starting June 7th and continuing through August 13th. Email to be sent out to assess interest.

Annual Fund – Has raised approximately \$15,000. To be taken over next year by school board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Motion:	Deb Dwinell
Seconded:	Andrea Trovato