

**St. Francis DeSales Parent Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2007**

Present:

Faculty & Administration: Dan Garrick, Jim Jones, Rob Dvorak, Colleen Cook, Mike Asbeck, Joe O’Riordan, Ryan Wiggins, Teresa Roybal, Chris Joseph, Jim Purcell

Parents/Parish Representatives: Roger Edsinger, (St. Anthony), Rosemary Grassbaugh (St. Anthony), Kevin Stogran, Johanne Stogran (St. Elizabeth), Kathy Derr (St. James the Less), Cheryl Siebold, James Siebold (St. James the Less), Nancy Nelson (St. Matthew), Brenda Herbert (St. Matthew), Sue Mulligan (St. Matthew), Anne Lodder (St. Matthias), Kathleen Cox (St. Matthias), John Gerardi, Jennie Gerardi (St. Michael), Mary Gilbert (St. Paul), Maria Ellis (St. Paul), Colleen Livingston –Ekey(Resurrection), Frederick “Fritz” Hofer (Resurrection), Kathy Long (Non-Parochial)

Student Representative: Tiffany Morse

Other Guests: Bryan Beigie, Kathy Wiemels, Kim Zacharias

President Nancy Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes were distributed and approved from the August 21 meeting

Vice President/Treasurer’s Report: Kathy Long

The treasury remained unchanged at \$906.99.

Introduction of Bryan Beigie: Mr. Garrick introduced Bryan Beigie, the new Prevention and Wellness coordinator. He attended high school at Walsh Jesuit, has his Bachelor’s from Cleveland State and Master’s from the University of Dayton. He will help students focus on leading a balanced lifestyle, which includes wellness, exercise, stress management and keeping things in perspective. The first program will be on Nov. 14 and will deal with stress management.

Student Council Report: Tiffany Morse

- The first meeting will be Sept. 20. The freshmen will be voting for their representatives during the week of Sept. 24.
- The student council is working with WBNS-10TV to collect used cell phones for CHOICES, an organization that helps victims of domestic violence.
- Student council is working on a donation from each class for the dinner auction and activities for Homecoming & Spirit Week.

Featured Departments: Each month different academic departments will be featured. This month the featured departments were Family & Consumer Science and Construction Technology.

- Kathy Wiemels spoke on the Family & Consumer Science Dept. She said the goal of her classes is to teach the students things they can use for the rest of their life. Classes include topics like wellness, nutrition, sewing, food, and children and their development.
- Ms. Wiemels also teaches the Photography classes where students learn on 35mm cameras so they can use digital cameras. They also learn developing and printing and creativity.
- Kim Zacharias spoke on the 3 levels of Construction Technology courses. All students must pass the Safety Exam with a score of 100% in order to use power tools. Topics taught in the department include drafting, architecture, woodworking, power tools, and Micro-Stations V8 software. Level III classes will use all of this to create a 1 or 2 buildings for an existing city.

Assistant Principal/Curriculum Report: Jim Jones

- Curriculum is working to restore the academic resource center with labs in math and science open before and after school.
- The school continues to develop dual enrollment and AP courses. There are currently 4 dual enrollment classes and 13 AP classes. They are working on creating AP American History, Biology and Statistics classes within the next 1 to 2 years.
- Upcoming dates of importance include the Guidance Dept.'s presentation on Sept. 19 about "Making High School Count," 8th grade visitations during the week of Oct. 1, Progress Reports coming out Oct. 1 followed by conferences on Oct. 4, the Suburban College Fair on Oct. 3, and the OCEA Convention Oct. 11 & 12.
- All underclassmen will take tests on Oct. 17. The freshmen will take the OGT practice exam while sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT. Seniors will have the day off to visit colleges.
- On Oct. 23 there will be a feeder school principals' articulation meeting. The topic will focus on the OGT test results and the areas of difficulty that can be addressed at the 6th, 7th and 8th grade levels.

Athletic Director: Mike Asbeck

- Many of the teams are enjoying unprecedented success and several teams are ranked statewide and nationwide. It is midway through the fall season and will soon be tournament time for golf, soccer and tennis.
- The Parents of Athlete meeting went well and included Coach Gerry Faust as the featured speaker. They plan to continue to have a speaker at the meeting.
- The gym has received a facelift in the form of new championship banners and the addition of league banners. The old banners will go to the dinner auction.

Principal Report: Dan Garrick

- The financial report shows a slight deficit due to school year start-up costs. The school received a letter from the diocese that it was in compliance with diocesan guidelines for the 2006-07 school year.
- The magazine drive is underway. The ultimate goal, when the Development Department reaches its goals, is to do away with it but right now it provides a \$60,000 safety net.
- The school had a National Merit Semi-Finalist, Elizabeth Nelson from St. Matthew, and a National Merit Minority Student, Patrick Omameh from St. Matthias.
- The school year started well with tremendous work and cooperation of parents and teachers. Items of administrative emphasis included OGT result analysis, working with development, the upcoming 8th grade visits and institutional development.

Assistant Principal/ Instructional Effectiveness report: Dan Garrick for Jackie Messerschmitt

- Mrs. Messerschmitt has been active in getting the faculty's individual personal development plans to the diocese, dealing with busing problems and preparing for the fall theatrical show.
- The staff will have a professional development opportunity on Oct. 17 when Dr. Clare Kilbane Cleary, an associate professor in Education at Otterbein College, will speak at the faculty meeting.

Associate Administrator: Rob Dvorak

There are 4 student observers from Ohio Dominican University this semester.

Campus Ministry: Teresa Roybal

- The first all-school liturgy was held Aug. 31 and went very well.
- The freshmen retreat day was moved to Dec. 7 due to the death penalty rally and the National Catholic Youth Conference.
- Seniors will be going to the statehouse on Sept. 26 for a death penalty rally.
- The first class Mass, for Seniors, will be held Sept. 19 at St. Matthias.
- The Spirituality Committee held its first meeting. The goal of the committee is to raise spirituality in students and faculty.

Faculty Representative: Jim Purcell

The treat day spread was great. The faculty have said how great their classes are and that the school year is off to a great start.

Director of Admissions: Chris Joseph

- 8th Grade visits are coming up and a lot of STARS are signed up to help. The schedule is Oct. 1: St. Anthony & St. Michael; Oct. 2: St. Matthew and Clintonville Academy; Oct. 3: St. Paul; Oct. 4: St. James and St. Matthias

- He recently attended a conference and found out that DeSales does a lot of things well but there are still things the school can do.
- Mr. Stellar, Ms. Roybal and Mr. Joseph recently went to visit the middle schools and there is already a lot of interest from future students.
- Mr. Garrick said that they will be trying to go to the feeder schools between the 8th grade visits and the Nov. 4 Open House for open parent meetings. It is hoped this will become an annual event.

Development: Joe O’Riordan/Ryan Wiggins

- Mr. O’Riordan reported that the Ryan Miller Memorial Scramble was very successful. There were 131 golfers participating. They had income of \$24,045 from sponsorship holes, 50/50 raffle, golfers’ fees and outright donations. Their expenses totaled \$9,861.08 which included golf course fees, food and beverage, signs, postage, et. Their current net income is \$14,183.92 with two or more donations yet to come that should put them around \$15,000. Their target goal was to raise \$10,000.
- Scholarship packages for incoming freshman will be put together for a earlier distribution along with the diocesan grant-in-aid material.
- Ryan Wiggins reported that the auction committee has a great evening planned but the biggest thing is to get people in the seats. He asked the PAB to make phone calls inviting people.

Community Relations: Rob Dvorak for Karen Cofojohn

The first DeTales will be in the first quarter progress report. Thanks to the people who signed up for the bulletin boards.

Alumni Relations: Colleen Cook

- The Alumni Association is sponsoring a t-shirt sale for the DHS vs. Watterson game. Students buy a shirt for \$10.00 and can wear them and dress down on Oct. 5.
- Plans are underway for Homecoming. The week will kick off with a family picnic on Oct. 21, a bonfire on Thursday, a tailgate and the game on Friday and a post-game social with subs, food and pop. The Alumni Award recipients will be introduced on the field before kickoff. The Homecoming Dance will be held at the school on Saturday from 8-11 p.m. and the theme is Masquerade Ball.

Old Business:

- The speaker was well-received on Back-To-School Parents’ Night. The school has targeted the gym, chapel and theatre as the next areas to be air-conditioned. It is not practical to air condition the whole school.
- The first Principal’s Forum will be held Sept. 24 from 11:30-1 and the topic will be “Striving for Social Justice.” It is hoped that an announcement can be made with the new e-mail system.
- Visits to the feeder school board meetings are being scheduled. St. James will be Dec. 18 at 7 p.m., St. Matthias will be Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m., St. Paul

will be Nov. 14, St. Matthew will be Jan. 29, and the Resurrection Pastoral Council will be Nov. 8. St. Michael, St. Anthony and St. John Neumann have not been scheduled yet.

New Business:

- The Fall Awards Assembly will be Sept. 21 to honor scholarship recipients and sophomores, juniors and seniors who made honor roll all 4 quarters of the 2006-07 school year. The speaker will be Dr. Dennison Griffith, president of Columbus College of Art & Design, who will speak on "Creativity within the Academic Realm." He has donated his honorarium to be awarded to a senior going to CCAD.
- The Open House will be Nov. 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.
- The first feeder school dance will be held Oct. 20 from 7-10 p.m. Each school is asked to find 4-6 volunteers.
- The National Catholic Youth Conference will be held in November in Columbus. DeSales has 26 students going all 3 days and she is waiting for paperwork from 14 more. There is a total of 54 going from the school as some students are representing their parish. There will be buses to conference.
- The OCEA Convention will be held Oct. 11 & 12 in Cincinnati. There will be a bus on Thursday for the faculty. If teachers don't attend both days there are to use the other day for professional development. For the first time all Diocesan superintendents are mandating that their teachers are to go to the convention.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Lodder for Mary Gilbert
DeSales PAB Secretary