

Our mission is to participate in decisions affecting the intellectual and spiritual development of the St. Francis de Sales School community.

**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2007, 7:00 pm**

In Attendance: Father Bob Penhallurick, Cheryl Spain, Sue Ditzhazy, Kris Yocum, Cathy Holbert, Agnes Reed Windholtz, Sally Mummey, Cindy Myers, Paul Ohl, Jeff Hempleman, Scot Evans, Brian Scragg.

Absent/Excused: Tracey Joyce, Diane Paul, John Antol

The meeting began at 7:00 pm. Father Bob began the meeting with a prayer.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Teacher negotiations are in progress. Currently, SF is looking at issues to enhance or change, e.g. The grievance procedure. Father discussed the process for negotiations.
- Advent and Christmas planning in full swing.
- Theology of the body was discussed. Some of the contents will be introduced to the 8th graders. Goal: by the time they attend High School, they will be aware of the content/thinking
- December 18: a men's mass is being planned.
- January 5: Women's retreat. Father hopes for at least 75 attendees at these retreats.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- We are currently just a little bit over budget (45% vs 33%)
- Parent Teacher conferences are complete. Seemed to go well
- Bully Proofing youth is being planned. The investment will include: one faculty in-service, one parent meeting and an assembly for the students. Tactics for recruiting strong family attendance was discussed.

A SPECIAL REPORT FROM THE PARISH AND SCHOOL ACCOUNTANT

- The office is presenting a recommendation to take tuition in-house.
 - Save families money - \$100 flat fee for 10 payments saves 5% (or 11 payments, making monthlies smaller.)
 - Helps St. Francis by getting the tuition money faster.
 - The recommendation has been run past finance committee, and is supported.
 - SAB approved the action with a unanimous vote.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

- The revised plan was presented and discussed. Sue Ditzhazy encouraged SAB member to email to participate in the plan.

OTHER BUSINESS

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Athletic report: no report

Newark Catholic school board: NC has been approved for a feasibility study for \$multi million revamp of the high school, new wrestling coach, etc.

St. Francis Parish Council: SF may open the book store again, capital campaign in the works.

Home & School: The alumni drive is going well. Already, we are half way to goal, and have purchased seven new smart boards and mounting equipment. Now, all classrooms have smart boards. Also, *Days of Creation* is being scheduled for Friday, May 2.

SF Finance Council: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm with a closing prayer.