

School Advisory Board Meeting  
October 20, 2011, 6:30 PM

Present: Steve Gray, Mrs. Thayer, Tom Rogers, Katie Grayem, Maureen Gill, Matt Morrison,  
Pete McCann, Jennifer Janoski, Rich Viola (Watterson School Rep.), Monsignor  
Maloney, Carolyn Smith, Mrs. Shambaugh (teacher representative)

Steve Gray opened the meeting at 6:30 pm with prayer.

Mrs. Thayer provided the principal's report. She indicated she is pleased with the response rate from school families to the accreditation survey with almost half of the families responding. Students were also surveyed. The results will be compiled by Advanced Education and results will be shared in the future.

The gym uniform policy was discussed. Mrs. Thayer indicated a committee would be formed to look at the current uniform policy, any needed reform, and look at ways to lower costs of uniform items, while still maintaining consistency. Steve will talk with Todd Jenkins to see if the Athletic Association can sell the uniforms through the association at a lower cost. Selling the uniforms at the school supply sale is also a consideration.

Finally, it seems students are adjusting to the new lunch schedule and the Health Department has said that our use of the current microwaves is acceptable.

In old business, a tree expert has examined the leaning tree in the Kindergarten/aftercare area and said it poses no danger. Monsignor stated that he does not want that tree or any trees cut down at this time. An electrician has looked at the electrical pole and a decision has been made that it does not need to be moved. Movement of the utility lines was stated to be very expensive and cost-prohibitive.

Mr. Suvar has been doing some continuing training with the school crossing guards. Mrs. Thayer and Steve Gray talked with the neighbor whose vegetation blocks the view on Oakland Park at the driveway entrance, and he has trimmed it back a little. The school wants to be a good neighbor on this issue, but is investigating options with the city since the vegetation is on city property.

Carolyn Smith distributed the current financial report and indicated that everything is currently on budget.

Under new business, Steve indicated that the school is looking at possibly applying for grant money from the Federal Highway Administration, distributed through the Ohio Department of Transportation, from a program called Safe Routes to School which encourages walking and biking to school. More information will be presented to the Board in the future.

Rich Viola gave the Watterson report. He mentioned the Eagle auction would take place on Saturday, October 22 and school would be closed on October 21 to allow students and teachers to attend Monsignor Grimes' funeral.

Pete McCann gave the report from St. Charles. On October 15, St. Charles students participated in the Light the Night fundraiser with some of Seth Jenkins classmates raising money for leukemia research. There will be an open house on Sunday, November 6 at 1:00 for prospective 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their families. A Cardinal Christmas Live and Silent Auction and Dinner will be at 6:30 pm on Saturday, December 3. For the first time in its 89 year history, the Saint Charles campus is expanding with the purchase of a 6.2 acre site at the corner of Nelson and Long. Seven students were named National Merit Semi-Finalists. You can follow St. Charles on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/stcharlespreparatoryschool>

The Board's regular meeting concluded. After the regular meeting, the Board members, Carolyn and Monsignor met with Kitty Quinn from the Diocesan Department of Education office. Ms. Quinn facilitated a discussion about the role of our School Advisory Board, including the topics of goal setting and strategic planning.

Monsignor Maloney concluded the meeting at 8:30 PM with a closing prayer.