

BOARD BRIEFS

St. Joan of Arc School Board Report.....January 28, 2008

Mary Niestrom (President)
Bobbi Diedrick (Vice President)
Mary Beth Sobolewski (Secretary)
Greg Weizeorick (Treasurer)

Steve Christ
Mara Cooney
Sue Garvin
Jim Matheu
Steve O'Reilly

Julie Noonan (SMMP Rep.)
Kathy Gaussein (PSO)
Rev. Gerald Tivy (Pastor)
Sr. Carolyn Sieg, OSB(Principal)

Principal's Report:

Sr. Carolyn said that that Kindergarten continues to evolve as all but four children now attend full day sessions.

Sister reviewed the test results from the October Iowa Basics Standardized Test that was taken by grades 3, 5 and 7 at SJA. Our children did outstandingly well.

The date of the 8th grade graduation is on the feast of St. Joan of Arc, Friday, May 30, 2008 and 6:30pm.

The two Internet Safety Nights presented at SJA were well attended by parents and the children of the attendees were rewarded with jeans and sweatshirt days.

The state of Illinois has approved a grant for non-public schools to include some limited funds for vision/hearing testing, medical supplies, school nurse and counselor. We are waiting on the guidelines.

4th Grade now has Writers Workshop, taught by Mrs. Ladowski, introduced into their curriculum.

The staff religious program, "Into the Fields," has proven to be an wonderful catechesis program and is well received.

Mrs. Donna Donowski and Mrs. Patti Sendlak will represent SJA at the NCEA in Indianapolis.

President's Report:

Mary Niestrom reported that the School Board will be providing the soup for the Parish Lenten Supper on Friday, March 24, 2008.

Treasurer's Report:

Greg Weizeorick reported that the budget is on track with any differences in budget vs. actual being noted as the timing of the entries.

Committee Reports:

Religious Ed: Greg Weizeorick attended the parish Religious Education meeting where it was reported that 8th grade confirmation is Friday, April 18. There are four adults making their sacraments this Easter. Our teens from Youth Ministry will not attend the World Youth Day this year, but will instead be invited to a Pilgrimage to Rome on June 19-26, 2008.

PSO :

Kathy Gaussein reported that Kris Kringle went well and raised more than \$2000. Catholic Schools Week had a wonderful turnout for the Sunday "Pack the Church" Mass. You can find 8th grader Susan Antonini's talk to the congregation on what her Catholic School education meant to her on the SJA blog. The events Catholic Schools Week were well received by the children and teachers.

DISCERNMENT:

Sue Garvin announced the date for the first discernment meeting for 2008-2009 school board members scheduled for March 17, 2008 is likely to be moved. The second discernment meeting is on April 21, followed by the induction meeting on May 19.

DEVELOPMENT:

Bobbi Diedrick reported that Judy Stuckey has graciously accepted the position on 2008-2009 SJA Annual Campaign Chairman.

Steve O'Reilly is actively trying to get the SJA alumni database updated.

SSMP: Julie Noonan reported that the financial aid forms, FACTS, are due for any Joliet Diocese family requesting aid through the diocese.

Communications:

The next School Board meeting will be on Monday, February 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

A Parochial School Board is an advisory and consultative board. It helps with policymaking, planning, fundraising, and public relations. It has no responsibilities in matters regarding faculty, administration, or curriculum.