

BOARD BRIEFS

St. Joan of Arc School Board Report.....April 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)
Discerning Member: Mark Hasse

Principal's Report:

Sister Carolyn thanked our wonderful teaching staff for their ongoing dedication going above and beyond what is expected of them on a consistent basis. A recent survey taken by the SJA teachers revealed most of them work an average of 55-60 hours per week.

Vision Screening was performed on February 29th and March 4th by Choice Eye Care, LTD for grades PS3, PS4, Kindergarten, 2, 4 and 8.

Hearing tests were performed on March 11, March 27 and April 9 by Mr. Michael Siefert, Audiologist. Grades tested were PS3, PS4, Kindergarten, 1, 2, and 3.

Pastor's Report:

Father Tivy updated the board on the SJA sacramental programs. Confirmation on April 18 went very well with Bishop Kaffer presiding. The 2nd grade First Communicants are well prepared for their ceremonies.

Father expects that the 8th grade graduation ceremony will again be held in a dignified manner. Everyone at SJA does their best to make these events very special and memorable for the children. Father graciously thanked Mary Niestrom for her six years of dedication on the SJA School Board, including positions of both President and Vice-President. He presented her with a statue of St. Joan of Arc as a remembrance of her time with us. We will all miss her!

Treasurer's Report:

The 2007-2008 budget is on track. Any major differences in actual vs budgeted costs are due to the timing of expenses.

Committee Reports:

PSO :

Kathy Gaussein reported Saturday, November 1, 2008 is the date for the annual auction dinner/dance. The Abbington has again been reserved. The new

auction chairpersons, Jennifer Benish, Jan Boone and Eileen Allen have many fresh, new ideas to make this auction very successful. Thank you to these wonderful women and their committees for coming forward.

2008-2009 PSO Orientation Packets have been distributed and are due back by May 8th,

All the 2008-2009 PSO Committee Chairmen are in place with the exception of an opening to oversee Mentoring. If you are interested, please contact Kathy.

FINANCE: The Board approved the SJA 2008-2009 operating budget and tuition schedule.

Due to the inevitable increases in the costs of utilities and insurance and also a mandated increase in retirement funding, (amongst other factors) there will be a 6% increase in the 2008-2009 tuition. The full schedule and details will be sent to all our families via Wednesday envelopes.

SJA remains one of the most affordable Catholic schools in the area.

DEVELOPMENT:

Steve O'Reilly reported that brick paver orders are now being accepted and order forms will be in the Wednesday envelopes, parish bulletin and available in the Link

Old Business: SJA is securing bids on inside locks on all classroom doors for consideration.

The Diocesan Summit "Carry the Light Forward" was well attended by SJA Board Members and other school parents. Over 600 attendees from throughout the Diocese of Joliet celebrated Mass with Bishop J. Peter Sartain and enjoyed various informative break-out sessions.

New Business:

Congratulations to the 2008-2009 SJA School Board Officers on their election:

PRESIDENT: Bobbi Diedrick

VICE-PRESIDENT: Steve O'Reilly

SECRETARY: Sue Garvin

TREASURER: Greg Weizeorick

Mark Hasse, (spouse Marie) father to first grader Amanda and 3 year old preschooler Melanie was officially inducted as a board member for a three year term. Congratulations, Mark!

Communications:

The next School Board meeting will be on Monday, May 19, 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.