



Parent Association Board
Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2011

President Claudia Ferguson called the meeting to order at order at 4:00 p.m.

In attendance:

Claudia Ferguson	President
Rose Banich	First Vice-President/Fundraising
Steve Gorski	Treasurer
Barbara Kuhl	Vice Principal
Laura Scarsi	Secretary
Ralph Valente	Principal

Absent: Karrie Saydah	Second Vice-President
Marilyn Bednar	Communication
Monsignor Cacciapuoti	Pastor

1. March Minutes: Approved
2. Parent Comments: None
3. Principal Update:
 - The registration went very well this year. The meeting went long but there seems to be no way to cut down the length of the meeting because of the various questions from all of the new parents. It was a great turn out. Many of the new parents would like to participate in shadow days for their children.
 - CEC is all set to start in Fall 2011. Mrs. Ferguson and Mr. Valente are working on final forms. It is all going well. Unfortunately we just got word from Catholic Charities that daycare will be closing its door on May 31 instead of at the end of the school year as stated in our contract. We will contact the

head of Catholic Charities (Lorraine has resigned) to resolve this issue. We may ask Monsignor to make a telephone call or write a letter.

- Mr. Valente met with Mrs. Estrada regarding a foreign language program at school. Mr. Valente will review her presentation and move forward in setting up a committee to determine where a language program would best fit into our school's curriculum. It might make sense to do some research in the surrounding area to see how other schools handle their foreign language programs. There is a Faculty meeting coming up and this will be a topic of discussion.
- There will be a 3% expenses,; we went way over budget in maintenance.

4. Pastoral Update:

(None)

5. Division Updates:

Steve Gorski (Treasurer):

- Handed out Profit and Loss Year Comparison. Went over Bedefest numbers. We received a check from the Dance program, but unfortunately, the amount dropped from last year.
- We have a healthy reserve and it might be a good time to look into the teachers' wish list.
- The Board discussed the purchase of our new Elmos as well as Mrs. Susank's new computer. The school is also purchasing new math books. We can also look into adding functionality to the website for making payments or donating.

Barbara Kuhl: (Vice Principal)

- No comments.

Rose Banich: (Fundraising/First Vice President)

- Trying to locate a binder which holds policy re tracking.
- Rose question re tracking: re tracking. If someone purchases a gift card for a teacher's classroom, is that track able? Yes. It is not a tax deduction but it

is taxable. As long as the property that the merchandise purchased stays on the school property.

- Rose to work out MC for Spring Raffle.
- **Karrie Saydah (Second Vice President):** Absent
- She is going to send out letters to those who have not sent submitted out volunteers' hours.

Laura Scarsi: (Secretary):

- No comments.

5. Claudia Ferguson: (President).

- Survey:

Mrs. Ferguson reviewed the results of the parent survey:

77 no extra
23 open 5 to 10 days or 10 days
13 were yes
11 unsure or no opinion

Extended Day Care:

- Mr. Valente and Mrs. Ferguson met again with CEC and are working out emergency forms. They are customizing sign in and sign out forms, creating binders. We are also making sure they will have what they need here at St. Bede.
- So far, the 23 families who are committed and the number of drop in families look encouraging so the subsidy will not nearly be as high as expected.
- Funds collected for the Extended Day Care will go to the school and not to the Parent Association

Meeting Adjourned 5:45 p.m.

