

LAFAYETTE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Date: August 26, 2009

Location: Central Catholic

President Jim Roach called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members present:

Representing St. Boniface –

Representing St. Lawrence – Marsha Mulkey, Jim Roach, Shawn Siemers

Representing St. Mary – Lara Behr, Stephanie Hainje, Greg Ortman

Excused: Brian Theme

Principals Present – Joseph Brettnacher, Judith Brewer, Sr. Lenore Schwartz,
Jody Williams

Technology: Steve Eddy

Trustee Present –

- I. Prayer & Mission Statement: Lara Behr
- II. No minutes available from previous Board of Education meeting. Jim Roach will get those minutes from Steve Thompson.
- III. In Service. No in service at this meeting. Sr. Lenore will do the in service at the September 2009 meeting at St. Boniface.
- IV. Open Forum. No parents present for open forum.
- V. Reports
 - a. Principals.
 - i. St. Boniface: Sr. Lenore reviewed the principal's report. Enrollment for the 2009/2010 school year is steady and includes five new families. Religious Identity, Mathematics, and Language Arts goals for the '09/'10 school year have been set. Religious Identity goal is "All students will experience the traditions of the Catholic Faith by focusing in on The Year of the Priest." Mathematics goal is "All students will improve their mathematics skills across all grade levels." Language Arts goal is "All students will clearly and correctly be able to develop a main idea using their writing skills." Sr. Lenore reviewed the faculty assignments. Construction is continuing outside the gym area to fill in the coal bin, rebuild the grotto wall, and create wider, safer steps to the parking lot. 9/12/09 is Germanfest. First PTO meeting of the school year was last night. Blue Knight Auction funds purchased a Symposium.
 - ii. St. Lawrence: Jody Williams reviewed the principal's report. Despite a loss of several families due to economic conditions, St. Lawrence experienced a net gain of 3 students. Jody reviewed the faculty assignments. Two new Resource Teachers (Patty Siener and Carrie Meyers).

The theme at St. Lawrence for the '09/'10 school year is L.I.F.E. (Learning in a Faith-filled Environment). Goals in the School Improvement Plan are "All students will improve their reading skills across the curriculum" and "All students will improve their writing skills across the curriculum." Jody discussed how each of those goals would be accomplished. Blue Knight Auction funds purchased new computer monitors for the computer lab. Also purchased a laptop and projector with the intent of also purchasing a Symposium. Focusing on ways to reduce the spread of H1N1 virus including having students, faculty, and staff follow strict sanitary measures and by stressing the importance of keeping sick children home.

- iii. St. Mary: Judith Brewer reviewed the principal's report. Enrollment is at 165 with an additional 68 in pre-school. Students grow in their faith through Liturgical Celebrations (all students participate in celebration of Holy Mass), Sacraments (students in grades 2 and 3 participate in the sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation), and Prayer.(all students pray during the school day). All staff members also participate in opportunities to enrich their faith. Master Teacher strategies are also part of staff enrichment. The goal of Preserving and Conserving has been successful as all parents (with the exception of four families) are entered into the email data base and are receiving "Cathedral Time" and other school notices electronically. 10 new computers have been purchased with stimulus money.
- iv. Central Catholic: Joe Brettnacher reviewed the principal's report. Joe reviewed the enrollment numbers with a total of 342 students attending the Jr./Sr. grades. Stimulus money provided for special education services. Joe provided an update on the HVAC system, new school entrance, and new chapel. He explained the gym is not being used due to damage from it not being protected during the construction project (insurance companies are working on its resolution). Joe discussed the new school calendar created due to the delay of the school's opening. Neil Wagner has been hired as the assistant principal. A donor has provided \$1,500 to purchase shirts for the teachers. Joe thanked everyone for their efforts and commitment towards the construction project. He especially thanked Steve Eddy for his efforts.

b. Technology.

- i. Steve Eddy discussed the successful efforts of managing and putting back together all of the technology after the construction.

- ii. New technology in the science labs, including electronic, computerized probes.
- iii. New computers for graphic arts. The old computers are being dispersed to other classrooms.
- iv. The library lab was dismantled during construction and Steve is preparing to put it back together.
- v. Several Symposium podiums have been ordered.
- vi. Steve said Dave Cramer has been a tremendous help.

c. Governance Board.

- i. Jim reviewed the current enrollment with 830 students in the Lafayette Catholic Schools system. The school system budgeted based on 838 students.
- ii. During the Governance Board meeting Fr. Tim discussed there are 1,683 students in CCD (between all parishes). Enrolling 10% of those students in the LCSS would be a big boost.
- iii. The Board of Education was encouraged to spread the word of the school system's strengths to family and friends. Also, the BOE should share ideas to increase enrollment.
- iv. Sr. Lenore suggested putting highlights from the schools in the Church bulletins.

d. Old Business.

- i. No old business to review.

e. New Business.

- i. The new business (Update on CC Construction, School Calendar, and Principal/Assistant Principal) were addressed during Joe Brettnacher's principal report.

VI. Jim Roach adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Next meeting will be held at St. Boniface on September 30, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Shawn Siemers