

St Edward the Confessor School Board
September 10, 2007 Meeting

Present:

Abbatiello	O'Malley	Father Thomas Fusco, Pastor
Civello	Pavese	Anne Schaefer, Principal
Connell	Stouges	Stacey Murphy, PASE
MacAvoy	Walsh	

Minutes of the June 7, 2007 Board meeting approved.

Anne Schaefer Reports:

- Welcome to Rob Pavese as new Board member, Noreen Abbatiello as new Vice Chairperson and returning School Board members.
- Sister Patrice has decided to retire for health reasons. She will be certainly missed. She had been a part of our School community for 34 years. We are working on both parish-wide and School-wide recognition events.
- Gail has been doing a wonderful job in replacement.
- Ms. Jillian Markarius did well in her first day as gym teacher.
- Mrs. Paula Fressle is replacing Mrs. Allen and working with Mrs. Reilly in pre-K.
- Mrs. Nancy Savarese will be interim replacement for Mrs. Riley for Kindergarten. At the moment she is assistant to Mrs. Riley.
- Mrs. Evelyn Silverman is a another new edition to our School. She brings great expertise in special education from the Syosset School District.
- Enrollment is currently 278 students. We have lost 14 students since June and gained one new student. We need to continue to outreach to enhance our School.
- Welcome New Parents Cocktail Party this Saturday after 5:00 Mass.
- Supervised lunchtime program started today and went well.
- Chocolate candy sale/drive is again underway.
- Please remember Mrs. Wasarhaley in your prayers who lost her sister this past summer.
- Our School Open House will be held on Sept. 17th at 7:30PM
- Sept 22nd is the Tomorrow's Hope Fund event at Cedar Creek Park in Wantagh. Mrs. Garcia has been our liaison person. Some of the fundraising money from this event can come back to our School.
- Golf Outing will be held on Sept 20th. Thanks to Bob Connell and Gil Cosenza. We are honoring Bob Spina at this year's outing.
- We received a \$5,000 grant from the Diocese which will used for laptops.

Father Tom Reports:

- Opening School Mass to be held on Sept 13th. Sister Mary Sebastian (our School's first Principal) will be especially acknowledged.
- The parking lot project has taken some time for the Town permits process. We are waiting for the Town Board to consider the proposal at a Town meeting
- Over the summer, a Diocesan financial group conducted an audit. All financial reporting was fine but some suggestions were made to be looked at by the Parish Finance Committee. One suggestion was to look for ways to consolidate checking and savings accounts.

Don MacAvoy Reports:

- Open House coming up. The following will be part of the agenda: (1) introduce School Board members; (2) gifts for John and Mary; (3) talk about the role of the School Board; and (4) Supermarket \$ Program update.

Finance Committee Reports:

- During past fifteen months we have been on budget for about six months and off budget (approx \$14,000) for nine months
- Due to drop in projected enrollment we would like to start Tuition Subcommittee meetings early this year.
- One significant expense has been our credit card expense (approx. \$8000 per year)
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Supermarket Dollars Subcommittee Reports:

- Focusing on advertising and marketing. We have approx \$14,000 in the bank and \$21,000 in inventory.
- We are also looking at a "Volunteer Fee" where parents must participate in fundraising or alternatively pay this fee. This has been used at a school in Staten Island and out east.

Buildings Committee Reports:

- Tony is working on a new sign for the School.

Technology Committee Reports:

- We would like to continue discussion about the Fund itself, a Technology Fee ? Conduct our own fundraiser ?
- We will coordinate with the Finance Committee.
- The Diocese now recognizes that technology is a capital expense that should be included each year in the Budget.
- A Technology and Finance Subcommittee should meet with Father Tom before the October School Board meeting.

Enrollment Committee Reports:

- Needs a new chairperson. Patty and Greg Wagner will spearhead.
- Allison Morris made a presentation on Enrollment data.

Board Procedures Committee Reports:

- We welcome any interested Board members or parents to our Committee. We plan to look at revising/updating the Bylaws.
- One goal is to look at ways to get interest of parents to participate on the Board.

Student Life Committee Reports:

- Patty, Rob and Greg have met with Bob Spina to discuss after-school sports program.
- There will be a meeting this Thursday, after school, with various schools sports directors to get sports teams organized and game scheduling

PASE Reports:

- The Fiscal Year closed with a balance of \$56,668.33.
- We are working on simplifying the Treasurer's Report form.

Power School workshop was held on Aug 22nd in Islip to discuss using software for attendance (all our teachers are now using it). It will also be implemented for report cards.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm