

Summary of OLW School Advisory Board Meeting, 5/18/09 7:30 PM

Acknowledgement of visitors:

- A few parents voiced their concerns over the new uniform policy. Some concerns included financial impact, phase in time period, material of uniforms (quality), status of skirts, make up of uniform committee. One parent complimented the many positive attributes of the new policy but indicated there was a lack of communication in publishing the new policy. A written request was submitted to be on the next SAB agenda.
- It was suggested the Gloria Rebek tuition assistance application be posted on the OLW School Website. (Note: This has since been added to the website. Thank you for the suggestion.)
- A parent thanked Doug Hamilton and Bert Weigel for their service on the SAB and welcomed the newly elected SAB members.

Correspondence None.

Financial Report: There is a continued focus on outstanding tuitions.

Pastor Report:

- Elliott Dee, seminarian, will be leaving OLW parish.
- Andrzej Nowicki, a seminarian at OLW a few years ago, was recently ordained into the priesthood.
- Note: We are all delighted Father Ed's stay at Northwest Community Hospital was short and that he is back with us in a healthy and strong state.

Principal's Report:

School Evaluations. On May 8th, OLW completed everything on a state (ISBE) and Archdiocesan level and we passed on all levels. These evaluations are held every seven years. Evaluations were validated by visiting teams. We received numerous commendations as well as a few areas of recommendations for areas of focus. A draft summary was read to the entire school staff. In August, our new principal will be working with our school staff to draft a final follow up document which needs to be complete by October 1, 2010. Evaluations were categorized around Catholic Identity, Academic Excellence and Vitality.

Terra Nova Results. New format (Terra Third Edition) this year so we cannot compare on a year over year basis. We will be able to begin benchmarking next year for year over year progress. A letter to the parents on the new terra nova testing will be going out to the parents in the coming weeks.

State Science Fair. Twenty four (24) students received Highest Honors at States held on the campus of The University of Illinois. Congratulations to Mr. Rhineheart and Mrs. Brennan for leading yet another outstanding year for the Science Fair.

H1N1 Flu update. Continuous education and monitoring of the H1N1 Flu is taking place throughout the school.

Thank you. From Mr. Alan Musial to the school community, nothing more needs to be said. Thank you to everyone for your support and tireless efforts which makes OLW School a place of excellence and a place where great things will continue to happen.

New Principal. Mr. David Wood will be stopping by OLW School at the beginning of June to say hello to the teachers and staff.

Recognition of service. At the conclusion of Mr. Musial's report, Doug Hamilton presented a moment of recognition, on behalf of the School Advisory Board, to thank Mr. Alan Musial for his 11 years of service and dedication. The leadership he provided to our OLW School and Parish community is greatly appreciated. We wished him well as he begins his retirement. A plaque of recognition and thank you will be delivered to Mr. Musial in the coming weeks.

Committee Reports

Finance. Bert Weigel advised we are continuing our efforts on uncollected tuitions.

Public Relations. Katie Cox.

Marketing Committee met to refresh the information in the promotional packets for our school. The question was raised as to how to position our strength at the State Science Fair as a way to promote enrollment.

Endowment. Bert advised he met with the Parish Management council, Alan and Ken and the group agreed to authorize the use of the interest in PEEF (Parish Endowment Educational Fund) because of the seriousness of the economic situation and the short fall in the Capital campaign. Recommendations included repaving of the West Parking lot which is used as our athletic field/ recess yard for the school. Any additional funds are to be used for staff development.

Survey. Anne Firestone. The survey results have been published and we anticipate conducting another parent survey next year.

Elections. Jeff Scardami introduced the three newly elected SAB members starting their three year term beginning in the 2009-2010 school year as Beth Martin, Carolyn Miller and Pat Sexton. All three were present at tonight's meeting and the board gave them a warm welcome.

Old Business

- The **Five Year Plan** is a dynamic, living document used as a framework to guide our school into the future. A link to the overview of the Five Year Plan is posted on the school website on the School Board page. Doug Hamilton distributed copies of the Five Year Plan to all school advisory board members. Doug advised he has provided Mr. Musial the final copy. After review, Mr. Musial will present to Father Ed for final approval.

New Business:

Elections of Officers. Doug oversaw the elections of officers for the upcoming school year. After nominations, discussion and votes, the newly elected officers for the 2009-2010 school year are:

Tom Aichele	Chair	Janet Lynch	Vice Chair
Beth Martin	Co-Secretary	Pat Sexton	Co-Secretary

Recognition of Service. The board thanked Doug Hamilton and Bert Weigel for their service and leadership to the OLW school and parish community by serving so willingly and selfishly over the last three years. Thank you gentlemen for sharing of your time and talents!

Adjournment: Meeting ended at 9:05 PM. We closed with a prayer lead by Father Ed.

The next School Advisory Board meetings will take place on Monday, August 17, 2009 and then again on Monday, September 21, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the Gathering Place. All are welcome to attend.

From the School Manual which is posted on the school website:

Re: Agenda Items

í í í öThe Board invites and appreciates your interest. The Constitution states that any parents or member of the parish may formally petition the Board with a request to consider recommendations, proposals or other matters relating to the operation of the educational facilities of the parish. Such petitions must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Board at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which formal consideration is proposed. This procedure allows parishioners to discuss with the Board any matter requiring formal consideration. Ordinarily, policies and other proposals introduced at a board meeting are discussed and voted upon at subsequent meetings.ö

Respectfully submitted by Tom Aichele, Co-secretary