

School Advisory Committee Meeting Summary
February 12, 2009

1. Parent Concerns

There are reports that some parents are concerned about gym activities this year. It seems that the students are playing the same games over and over again and not learning basic skills required for sports such as basketball or new games. There also has been no work done for the presidential fitness awards. Sister Joanita spoke with our new gym teacher and found that there have been issues with physical space and weather delays. Sister feels that the gym program will soon get 'back on track' and students will begin to work on the Presidential Fitness Awards again. Sister is working to get the portable basketball hoops moved inside.

It seems that some of the Middle School academic extracurricular activities are not happening this year. Sister explained that there is only so much time during the school day for these activities, and that volunteers are needed to run them on weekends. Sister reports that Junior Achievement will be offered this year instead of Robotics. The 8th grade class does not want to participate in Science Olympiad this year. The Novice Forensics Tournament will be at St. Ursula this year. (For any student involved for the 1st time)

2. Succession Planning

All current SAC members should start thinking now about future SAC participation. Please decide if you are willing to continue to serve and in what capacity. Open positions will be advertised in April. The 2009/10 SAC will begin in June.

3. Enrollment Process

All families will receive a letter next week requesting information about next year's enrollment. The purpose is to create a more proactive approach toward budgeting and finance for the 2009-10 school year. All families will be asked to confirm a spot with a deposit of \$35/child or \$60/family. Sr. Joanita reminds us that the deadline for financial ad is also March 16th. If you have a child entering kindergarten or Pre-K, you must go through the enrollment process at the office in order to be considered registered.

4. Tuition Policy for Large Families

How do we compare? We will check with other Parish Catholic Schools.

5. Fundraising Assessments for 09/10

We are trying to meet our goal of \$107,000 with 88 school families. This divides out to over \$1100/family. With our current Family fundraising assessment set at \$450/family, we would only get about 40% of our goal. The finance committee reports that a lot of our fundraising comes from sources other than family assessment, such as bingo, certificate sales at church, POG. With all this info, it appears that the assessment will stay the same for now.

A NEW Fundraising "report card" will go home with families at the same time the student report cards go home. It will give families their current fundraising assessment status.

New Pre-K families will not have to meet the \$450 family fundraising assessment. Information about fundraising will be provided to them, but they will not have to meet any certain number.

6. Finance/Fundraising Parent Meeting

A parent meeting was discussed as a way to present our budget and explain our fundraising assessment to all families. Details would be given to parents so that they understand the tuition credit available after they reach the \$600 mark. The format of this meeting is still under discussion. SAC members suggested smaller group meetings of classroom families vs. a whole school meeting.

7. Teachers' Web Pages

Sister Joanita will ask teachers to submit new information for the website each month.

8. SMART tuition—Sr. Joanita

Sr. Joanita will obtain information from another collection company and compare it to SMART.

Next SAC Meeting: Wednesday, March 18th at 7pm.