

Bosco System Board Meeting

October 8, 2007

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Kerrie Becker at 6:35pm.

Present: Kerrie Becker, Tim Horrigan, Sue Davis, Vince McFadden, Tammy Bedard, Matt O'Loughlin, Erik Smith, Leta Schmit, Father Stecher, Bob Thurman, Matt Hovey, Sheri Purdy, and Kelli Even.

Introduction of new member – Scott Reiter.

Absent: Monsignor Petty, Father Blake, and Eileen Pauley

Prayer:

Tim Horrigan led prayer.

Recommended Actions:

Vince McFadden made a motion to approve the agenda and Bob Thurman seconded. Motion carried.

Vince McFadden moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Tim Horrigan. Motion carried.

Some discussion on reports: Changes will be made to accounting with Leta Schmit as the new bookkeeper to alleviate some confusion and make accounts easier to understand. Fundraising needs to be approved by board so we are not overlapping or overwhelming the community. Booster Club has fulfilled 5 year commitment to contributing to the teacher's retirement but PTO has agreed to do so for the next two years. Vince McFadden moved to approve the reports, seconded by Sue Davis. Motion carried.

At 6:48pm Vince McFadden moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Sue Davis.

At 7:25pm Kelli Even moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Father Stecher.

Old Business:

Trapshooting team – Erik Smith contacted Columbus High School and West High School. Columbus does not sponsor a team and West High provides no coaches or monetary support. Therefore Team Bosco will not be sponsored by the Bosco System and should not use the school logo.

Stop signs/cross walks - Karen Frost is checking with Brian Northland still. Vince McFadden checking into the stop sign at Raymond, the old one was found in the boiler room but doesn't have wheels and is in poor condition.

New Business:

Kerrie Becker received and read a letter from St. A's Parish Council and School Board. The letter requested a committee be formed to discuss future expanded regional involvement between the Catholic Schools due to a declining trend in enrollment. Independence was also discussing the opportunity at their school board meeting, scheduled for Monday, Oct. 8th. Kelli Even suggested we also contact LaPorte City and Grundy Center when forming the committee. Vince McFadden made the motion to approve the committee of Matt O'Loughlin, Vince McFadden, Kerrie Becker and Erik Smith with the addition of a member from the IC and St. Joe's parish council. Bob Thurman seconded. Motion carried.

Enrollment Report from Jeff Henderson. Erik Smith reported that we should be receiving two new 8th graders – at least 1 for sure. Discussed the 3 summary questions from the report:

1. Retainment – we have a quality staff and a welcoming environment from the student body.
2. Suggestions – a Welcome family / Mentor for new families.
3. Future Goals – at least maintain our enrollment and realistically to add at least one student per grade.

Early graduation request letter to the board from a junior at Don Bosco. Request to graduate December of 2008 and is set to enroll in higher education immediately after graduation. Vince McFadden approved, seconded by Tim Horrigan. Motion carried.

Information/Communications/Delegations:

Finance committee met and will be meeting again this month. Girls 6-8 grade basketball program to be shared with St. A's in Jesup. All practices will be at the St. A's gym due to the lack of availability at the DB gym. School will provide transportation to practice and family will be expected to pick up student athletes. Games will be shared between schools. Possibility of sharing this spring with baseball and softball teams.

Religious/Mission committee met on 10/4 and would like to form a subcommittee with the goal of getting more knowledge of the Catholic faith to our families.

Father Stecher said adequate time needs to be allowed for communications, needs to be approved by parish council.

Questions asked of or by board members:

Vince McFadden was approached about the post prom party which is going to be held in Cedar Rapids. He spoke to Kim Rottinghaus and found out there will be a chartered bus for transporting the students. This was not communicated in a post prom letter. By moving the party to Cedar Rapids, less request for local donations here in our community.

Kerrie Becker was asked if board minutes and agenda need to be posted. She checked with Jeff Henderson and he said it was not a policy. Board agreed to continue to keep posting minutes on school website and suggested putting agenda on there as well as sending it home in the grade school newsletter the Thursday before the Monday meeting.

Future Business:

Update on committee reports.

Adjournment:

Bob Thurman made motion to adjourn. Tammy Bedard seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm

Next meeting: Monday, November 12, 2007 Don Bosco Library @ 6:30pm. Prayer leader Vince McFadden

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Bedard