

Bosco System Board Meeting

November 11, 2008

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Horrigan at 6:35pm.

Present: Tim Horrigan, Sheri Purdy, Curt Frost, Father Stecher, Robyn Johnson, Father Colter, Julie Niemeyer, Tammy Bedard, Larry Delagardelle, Erik Smith, Sue Davis and Scott Reiter.

Absent: Carl Corkery, Matt Hovey, Kelli Even and Father Blake were excused.

I. Prayer:

Tammy Bedard led prayer.

II. Board In-Service:

A. Board Gram reviewed and discussion ensued regarding the Kitchen Table Phenomena and the opportunities we have to discuss with our children. They need opportunities for open discussions with family and peers. Youth Group is a great place for such. Also have 6 students signed up for the first TEC of the year. Hopefully they will come back and share and encourage others to participate.

B. Archdiocesan Policy Review # 4119.6a-5133 series.

III. Recommended Actions/Reports:

A. Sheri Purdy made motion to approve minutes dated October 14, 2008. Scott Reiter seconded and motion carried.

B. Scott Reiter made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Curt Frost and motion carried.

C. Julie Niemeyer reviewed the questions from the Archdiocesan Enrollment Report:

1. Successful Strategies for Enrollment – STO, Pre-school provided by parishioners, and word of mouth.
2. Greatest Need for Enrollment Efforts – Marketing and reaching out to other local parishes.
3. Goals for '09-'10 Enrollment – After reviewing the declining trend and getting a feel for how many incoming kindergartners compared to graduating seniors, our realistic goal is to only lose 10 students from the current enrollment number.

Curt Frost made a motion to approve SIAC members and on going recruitment with written reports to board after each meeting. Scott Reiter seconded and the motion carried.

D. Reports:

1. Mission and Religion – no report
 2. Facilities and Transportation – no report
 3. Finance and Personnel – written report included. More finalized version at December meeting.
 4. Curriculum – no report.
 5. Student Services – no report
 6. Development – no report
 7. SIAC – Met 11/10 report at December meeting.
 8. Visioning – Power Point presentation by Tim Horrigan. Exploring options and looking to community for input. Meeting in January to gather feedback and present collaborated ideas by May 2009.
 9. Administration – reports submitted by Julie Niemeyer and Erik Smith
- Reports of subcommittees are due prior to meeting each month. Deadlines are posted on back of current month's minutes. Members of committees will have opportunity to discuss at board meetings only if written report is included.*

IV. Old Business:

A. Erik Smith provided a draft of an Activity Director Job description. After minor revisions as suggested by the board, he will present to Jane Becker.

B. Father Colter updated board members of the status of the new building project. The initial group of volunteers addressed the Archdiocese Building Commission on 10/31/08. The Commission commended us for our efforts and approved of the project with just one suggestion – expanding the area connecting the church and school. Four professional fundraising companies have been contacted to help with the campaign efforts. Father has received 2 to date. Other phases include finances as well as developing a program for use of space – which will include some remodeling of Don Bosco High School. This is how we will build our ‘case statement’ for the campaign.

V. New Business:

A. Tim Horrigan presented a Power Point presentation on the history and enrollment facts of St. John’s (Independence), St. A’s (Jesup) and Bosco System/Raymond, not including Don Bosco High School. In the past 5 years, St. A’s has seen a 30% drop in enrollment. St. John’s was the 1st Catholic School in the Archdiocese dating back to 1864. In 1989 they closed the high school but in the last 5 years has seen a steady enrollment – The closing of Rowley in 2005-2006 helped with such. Immaculate Conception (1876) and Raymond consolidated in 1969 w/ K-2 remaining in Raymond and 3-8 at IC. Plans are underway for a new building and the 5 year history of enrollment had dropped 13%. The 3 school systems are located throughout 5 buildings in 6 public school districts. There is commitment to Catholic education with some challenges:

- Declining enrollment
- Budget concerns
- Facilities
- Social opportunities
- Additional Academic and Extra-Curricular programs
- Compliance with accreditation
- Maintaining financial stability

Committee will be meeting again in January to explore options after gathering input from communities.

B. Julie Niemeyer advised board of a State Visit scheduled for January 13 & 14, 2008. We will receive copies of the questions being asked at the December board meeting for a self assessment in addition to the State’s assessment. The visit will include interviews of staff, parents as well as board members.

VI. Information/Communications/Delegations:

None

VII. Future Business:

None

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 9, 2008 Don Bosco Library @ 6:30 pm. Prayer leader Kelli Even.

VIII. Future Business:

Sheri Purdy made motion to adjourn and seconded by Father Colter. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Bedard