

Parent Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes Summary
Tuesday, November 24, 2009

Booster Club Report: Report presented by Mrs. Jean Cody. Mrs. Cody thanked all involved in the very successful Carnival, and the rest of the Board congratulated Mrs. Cody, the entire Booster Club and all the Carnival sponsors and volunteers on the success of the Carnival. Mrs. Cody reported that she had heard from multiple vendors who were very complimentary of the behavior and manners of the OLPH families. All were very impressed. The Booster Club is planning for Springfest in 2010.

Principal's Report: Presented by Sister Marian Grace. Sister conducted meetings to explain the results of the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills, and reported that the test scores are now available on the school website. Sister reported on the program of conducting weekly tours of the school for prospective new families.

Assistant Principal's Report: Presented by Mr. Doug Collister.

Mr. Collister gave updates on the school's sports teams, and the Board congratulated those teams for their seasons. Mr. Collister also reported a successful Thanksgiving food collection drive.

• Committees:

Finance (Paul Ohanian, Chair). Mr. Ohanian reported that the finances of the school generally reflect the hard economic times, and reported on the efforts of the Finance Committee to address the funding shortfalls. He also reported that Funds raised through scrip were now going into the school budget. The Finance Committee was looking into ways to improve the economic viability of the bus system. The Finance Committee was interested in working with the Marketing Committee to organize liaison groups to work with feeder parishes, in the hopes of increasing enrollment.

Marketing (Monica Woudenberg, Chair). Mrs. Woudenberg discussed the upcoming OLPH Parent and Guardian Survey. After discussion, the Board agreed that the Survey should be both online and on paper. The Marketing Committee also intends to develop a program to follow up with new families.

Student Life/Parent Life (Lisa Meyer, Chair). In early 2010, the school will host Brad Snyder as he presents "I've been talking to your kids," a presentation regarding the use of media and technology by youth. Mrs Meyer also discussed the proposed "Play First, Eat Second" Program, as well as healthy meal options for lunch to our community of families and the school directory and the future including of email addresses for school year 2010/2011