

St. Paul the Apostle School Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held: February 3, 2009 www.stpaul-school.org

Present: Msgr. Ernie Schneider, Dan Springer, Julie Palmer, Dale Manske, Lisa Gutting, Laurie Daum, Jim Rabaut, Jeff Potter, Bridget Mull, Jen Brom, Todd Mellema

I. Meeting opened with prayer.

II. Agenda reviewed and approved.

III. Executive Session: Dan Springer called the Board to *Executive Session* in order to review and discuss the School Survey results and comments from the Town Hall Meeting (THM) held January 28, 2009.

IV. Town Hall Meeting and Survey Results: Based on the results of the THM and the data/comments from the School Survey, there is not a consensus to merge the two schools. A motion was made to not move forward at this time with the merger exploration. The motion was seconded and passed by the School Board (ACTION ITEM). Father Ernie supported the Board recommendation and will convey this information to Fr. Troy at IHM.

V. Next Steps and Communication Plans

- The School Board will send a letter to school parents this Friday (February 6) in the Halls of St. Paul Newsletter thanking parents and parishioners for their input and stating the results of the Survey and Town Hall Meeting. The letter will briefly outline our ongoing efforts to increase enrollment and our agenda currently in place for marketing, fundraising, and school improvement. Parent participation and volunteers will be vital in moving forward.
- School Website: Todd Mellema will have the new school website up and running in the next few days. The teachers will also be trained on adding classroom/grade specific content.
- Kindergarten: All-day option will be added to the Morning (AM) Kindergarten offering for 2009-10 school year to better meet the needs of school families.

VI. Agenda Items - February 17th Meeting:

- 2009-10 Preliminary School Budget
- Principal Search
- Marketing, Fundraising, School Improvement Committee Efforts

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Regular Meeting: February 17, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Gutting
Secretary