

ST. JAMES SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 8, 2009

In attendance: Angela Jones (chairperson), Pam Murrer, John Wilkerson, Kate Harney, Tom Schmitt

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mr. Schmitt at 8:05 p.m.

Mr. Schmitt introduced and welcomed the new members and thanked them for volunteering: John Wilkerson and Kate Harney.

A condensed form of the budget was presented to the committee. At the next meeting, a detailed description of the budget will be reviewed showing current figures. Members were reminded salaries were frozen this school year as was tuition for K - 8. Therefore, the budget shows no new revenues except in the area of preschool and preK fees which will offset normal expenditures (utilities, insurance, retirement).

The first fundraiser for the PTO was the Opening School Breakfast at Ramsi's Café on Saturday, August 29. The event netted the PTO \$596.00. A huge thanks to the Kamar family for their commitment to St. James School.

The sale of spirit wear has gotten off to a great start. The initial order totaled almost \$1800. Mrs. Yurt is coordinating the sale. The second order is due the week of Aug. 14th. New designs and colors have been added and hoodies will be available for all students along with gym shorts.

Enrollment stands at 109 for K – 8 and 115 for preschool and pre-k. Both preschool and pre-k are at capacity with waiting list for both. Two students from Korea are scheduled to enter St. James the first week of October in grades four and six.

St. James School will undergo its self-study this year in preparation for its full accreditation during the 2010 – 2011 school year. It is a full year process and requires much paper work. The school committee will be involved with helping complete work especially in the area of governance.

The committee was also informed of proposed school and PTO fundraisers for this school year (not all will be used but were added to the list for consideration):

Bake Sales	Spaghetti/chili dinner	Breakfast with Santa
Target	Aluminum cans	Market Day
Spirit Wear	Decals	Boxtops/Campbells labels
School pictures	Kroger certificates	Kickoff Breakfast
Used uniform	SCRIPS	Ink cartridge recycle
Paper recycling	Adult dance	Comedy Caravan
Mark's Feed Stone	Krispy Kreme	Signature Fundraising
Skating parties	Flower sales	Angelic Auction

Book Fairs
Santa's Workshop

Innisbrook

Golden Harvest Fruit Sales

The Innisbrook fundraiser started last Thursday and will continue through Sept. 21st. Right-Way Recycling will place a bin for paper in the school parking lot by the end of Sept. They will pay \$10 per ton.

Mr. Schmitt shared with the committee the St. James Blueprint for Advancement. It contains our brand, *Soaring Above*, and our five Core Values. This information will be used in our accreditation binder.

A copy of the current committee bylaws was distributed. Future meetings will discuss the feasibility of modifying the bylaws.

All committee members agreed school registration went very well and should be continued. Mr. Schmitt agreed with a few modifications. It will be held on one evening as it was this year. Another line will be added to pick up registration packets to shorten waiting time.

Terra Nova scores were disaggregated with help of archdiocesan consultants. Each teacher has been asked to develop an improvement plan based on academic needs from a review of the Terra Nova scores. Overall school improvement will center on math.

Kate Harney suggested the times and places of the Safe Environment Training be published in the bi-weekly Pony.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009, 7:00 p.m., school library