

St. Rose Philippine Dushesne Advisory School Council Meeting
September 5, 2007
6:30pm

The meeting was opened with a prayer. Those present were: Nancy Butters, Karen Feuerborn, Denise Rockers, Sandie Fritz, Brent Shaffer, Mark Mersman, Sarah Wilper and Brian Schmit. Those absent were Father Klingele, and Laurie Stevenson.

August minuets were reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

Sandie Fritz reported on the polo shirts with St. Rose Catholic School embroidered on them. The kid's sizes ran smaller than regular shirts where the adult sizes ran a little larger. Over all the shirts looked great and the first order was around 60 shirts. There is a second order being gathered to send off. There is also an option for having the logo digitized so that it can be put on other items such as window clings, hats, and other items. Sandie is going to be checking on prices for the other items.

During the volunteer workday there was a lot accomplished. Desk night was a big success and all the new desks were delivered, unloaded, and placed into the classrooms. The old desks were also hauled away. There was also talk of scheduling another workday due to the fact that there are several bushes in front that need to be trimmed as well as poison ivy that needs to be taken care of. The superintendent of schools is visiting on the 18th so we are looking for a date to have the workday prior to her arrival.

There was discussion regarding the garage sale being held on September 15, 2007 at the school. The parishioners are doing this and the money will be given to the school. The parishioners were also looking at having one in Greeley as well but the left over items can not be kept as there is no where to put them. Greeley will have theirs in the spring.

Nancy Butters talked about staff positions. The positions of a Physical Education teacher and part-time custodian have been filled. Mr. Mike Kellerman was hired back to continue teaching PE to the children. Also Sue Durand was hired to fill the custodian position. Both seem to be working out well in their positions.

New Business:

With a new year come new members to the advisory council. Brian Schmit and Sarah Wilper have both volunteered their services to the council. Both also have new 1st graders this year, Jenna Schmit and Zachary Wilper, in Ms. West's class. Brian was a big help at desk night and Sarah has agreed to be this year's secretary to the council taking Karen Feuerborn's place.

The trash bags sales seem to be a big success. Preliminary totals show that 1,058 rolls have been sold as well as 64 Halloween bags. Due to the fact that we have over 1,000 rolls ordered we maybe able to take advantage of a price break that the company has offered. These will be available for pick up on September 11, 2007.

We will also be doing the Cookie Dough sales from September 21st through October 3rd. The school will receive 50% from the sales of pizza dough, cakes, and pizza. We have the option to sell some of their discontinued items such as enchiladas & cheesecakes but have decided against that due to the fact that we do not want to over sell items and then have to refund money to those who have purchased. Also these items have been in the freezer and we cannot guarantee how well they will taste.

The new website is up and running at www.saintrosegradeschool.com. This will contain links to the classrooms, school calendar, menu, newsletters, enrollment forms, as well as several other helpful information. There will also be a link to the page from the archdiocese web page so that others can find out information about our school. On that note there was discussion of other places that a like could be placed such as the local newspaper, town web page, etc.

The purchase of new playground equipment and swings were decided upon after much debate. The money was previously rolled out of the CD's and into the school support account to avoid being charged penalties. The two options were to purchase from Kids Creation, a local company, or Play and Park Structures. Earl Peine, a father of a 1st grader as well as a local citizen, works at Kids Creation and stated that if purchased from them he would volunteer his services and knowledge to set up the equipment free of charge. The equipment from Kids Creation is made of red wood and focus mostly on swings instead of play area. The Play and Park Structures focus on more play area and have a matching funds program for schools if purchased by September 30th. These will be delivered to the school but then parent volunteers will be needed to set the equipment up for use. Nancy stated that she was torn between purchasing locally and purchasing something that is more realistic as new chains for the existing swings were just recently purchased and there are plenty of swings on the playground. Mark asked about wood chips, sand, or rubber material to be placed under the equipment and Nancy will be getting prices on that as well. Denise suggested a compromise that would hopefully make everyone happy. There will be 2 smaller pieces purchased from each supplier instead of 1 larger piece. From Kids Creation the council will purchase The Grand Stand Wooden Swing Set for \$2,789.00 and see about removing the picnic table and adding a tire swing and in doing this there maybe a reduction in price. From Play and Park Structures the council will purchase the Play Pal in a platinum color for \$10,250.50.

Sandie Fritz also addressed forthcoming information packets. These information packets will hold information regarding the possibility of St. Rose starting a kindergarten class, alumni information, and the option to help support the Catholic Education Fund. There was a discussion regarding some type of recognition for those alumni who donated to the education fund. One suggestion would be to place a plaque or marker on the bricks within the gym. Sandie stated the need to hopefully put together a committee to finish

this project, as it is too time consuming for just one person. Nancy will put a request in the weekly newsletter for help in this matter.

Superintendent Kathy O'Hara will be visiting the school on September 18th. This is her yearly visit and we really need a workday scheduled before then. There are walls that needed to be painted inside and things to clean up the outside of the building.

Brian Schmit made a suggestion for the council to bid on 250 feet of 12-foot high chain length fence. This fence came from the old Anderson County Jail that has recently started to be torn down. This can be used for the backstop of the baseball field out back. It seems that there is also a safety concern regarding the several holes that are in the fence that kids can climb through and have access to the railroad tracks. This fence will be coming up for bid the 14th or 17th of September. There was a suggested high bid of \$500-\$700 but Brian is going to do some research to see how much this type and quantity of fence would go for new.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 2nd at 6:30pm. The meeting is closed with a prayer.

Sarah Wilper
Secretary