

**School Board Minutes**  
**October 27, 2009**

Our meeting began at 6:00 with a prayer by Margaret Gohmann.

**Attendees:** Pam Huelsman, Kathy Stivers, Lucie Mohr, Dennis Comella, Julie Marino, Christine Koenig, Julie Kennedy, Pete McManus, Susan Bennett, Margaret Gohmann

**Guests:** Becky Romero, Bev Forst, Paulette Stinnett and Kathleen Cooter

**Absent:** Rusty Hensley and Stacy Hobbs

**Agenda Items:**

- Bev Forst, our resource coordinator, discussed her role in school. She spoke about following the protocol about inclusion of students; speech services, strategies, 504 plans, testing and working with JCPS.
- Becky Romero, our enrichment coordinator, discussed working with students who are achieving at a high level. She works with students weekly for 45-50 minutes. About 15% of our student population is in her program. She also is our testing coordinator.
- Paulette Stinnett, our counselor, talked about her visits to the classroom to do Peace Building Skills, Good Touch/ Bad Touch, counseling services, and also teaches manners and sign language.
- Dennis Comella gave a power point presentation regarding our Terra Nova Scores. This helped him fulfill a requirement for his class at Bellarmine. He explained why we test and how we use the results.
- Copies of our Mission and Vision statements were handed out and our board, along with the teachers will develop a new mission statement that reflects our core values. This statement should be no longer than two sentences.
- Each committee person was given a topic for accreditation that they are in charge of. Your duty is to contact the leader of the group and ask them to give you a brief summary of what they have completed and results. They will then present this to the full school board in November and in succeeding months. Rusty has Vision & Purpose; Christine-Governance & Leadership; Susie-Teaching and learning; Julie M – Documenting and using results; Pete-Resources & Support Systems; Margaret-Stakeholder Communication & Relationships; Julie K – Commitment to Continuous Improvement; Stacy-Catholic Identity
- “Did you know” item will be that St. Gabriel is the only parochial school that offers a full time person who works with gifted students.

**Faculty Update:** Dennis reported the following:

- Reconciliation process beginning for third graders
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grading period has begun
- OCEA conference – We had Cathy Balbach as a presenter
- Magazine Drive was a success in its first year and will be helpful in purchasing a new mobile lab for our students
- PTSO Chili Supper was a nice evening out for families. We enjoy the idea of working with parish to make this a special night
- High School visits have begun for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders

- Blue Apple Players were here to present “Johnny Appleseed”; Disney Connection was here for students in K-4 and Fr. Crews came to speak to the 4<sup>th</sup> graders about Cave Hill Cemetery.

**Principal Update:** Pam reported the following:

- The H1N1 shot will be provided for all of our students, teachers and staff sometime in November.
- Health Fair is November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>
- Rooms have been “bombed” to sanitize and disinfect against viruses
- New sanitizing lotions have been placed around school to be more effective in fighting germs

Next month’s opening prayer will be delivered by Pam Huelsman and closing prayer by Dennis Comella

Our meeting closed with a prayer by Lucie Mohr.

Next meeting date is November is November 17, 2009