

**Saints Peter and Paul Regional Catholic School Board Meeting  
Minutes  
April 27, 2011  
6:00 p.m.**

**Attendees:** St. Paul—Sr. Clara Fehringer, Anne Wells  
St. Peter—  
St. Luke—Billy Martin, Kristi Adams  
St. Peter Claver—Greg D’Angelo  
Pax Christi—Joan Jahnige  
Holy Spirit—Jennifer Annis, Don Mills  
At large—Rose Lucas, Ellen Kessler, Bob Hewett, Tom Rolfes  
Principals—Julie Wright, Stephanie Urbanek (asst.)  
Faculty/staff—Debbie Cambron, Annette Justice, Therese Morris  
Development director—Jeanne Miller  
PTO—Connie Carr  
Guests—Jim Sharpe, Shannon Burkholder, Linda Hardee

**Absent:** Fr. List, Alan Parrish, Sally Stevens, James Weathers, Sonya Morris

**Call to Order and Opening Prayer**

The meeting of the Sts. Peter and Paul Regional Catholic School (SPPS) Board was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Bob Hewett, vice chair, after determination that a quorum was present. Sr. Clara Fehringer led the opening prayer.

**Approval of March 2011 Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Anne Wells to approve the minutes of the March 2011 SPPS board meeting. Motion seconded by Don Mills and approved unanimously.

**Principal’s Report**

Mrs. Wright presented the principal’s report.

Enrollment for next year is 522.

There has been one additional in-school suspension since March 2011.

Terra Nova testing was conducted in grades 2-7 from April 11-21. Students are assessed in reading, language, math, science, social studies, spelling and vocabulary. Students in grades 5 and 8 also will be given the NCEA assessment of catechesis religious education test. Individual STAR assessments will be conducted at the close of the school year for all students in grades 1-8. The second annual new student assessment day is planned for the morning of June 4. This was very successful last year and is a wonderful opportunity to answer questions and establish new friendships before the new school year begins.

The Gates-McGinitie standardized reading assessment test will be given at the end of the year to students in kindergarten and first grade. Students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade participated in the Trends in Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) this year, and it is a standardized mathematics assessment that is based on curricula from schools around the world. SPPS is one of fifteen schools in the nation to participate.

Summer camp will run at the ECC from May 31-August 5. In grades 1-5, we are near capacity for enrollment, but there are still spaces for preschoolers.

Staffing updates: Ms. Ettensohn will be leaving SPPS to pursue a wonderful opportunity at the University of Kentucky for the upcoming school year. She is assisting in interviews for the new visual art teacher. Rachel Foster will teach second grade next year; she has worked in our after care program and has completed a long term substitute assignment this spring at Christ the King School. Alysha O'Brien and Bennett Thornbury have accepted positions in the public school system for next year. Sarah Beach will be teaching kindergarten along with Jenny Parker.

SPPS hosted an Internet Safety night for parents on April 14, and it was very successful. Officer Richards, DARE officer, and Officer Towry educated parents and staff on a variety of topics which included safety tips for online use, texting, and blocking inappropriate websites. Another event is planned for fall 2011.

Graduation is May 27 at 7:00 p.m. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, DC was a terrific success. Space camp for 7<sup>th</sup> grade is scheduled for October 19-21, 2011.

Twenty-four SPPS seventh grade students qualified to participate in the highly selective Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP). Of the 24 who qualified to test, 15 students chose to take one of the two tests. Seven students qualified for state recognition (Rachel Buckles, Emily Clemmons, George Foster, Donovan Morris, Emma Partridge, Sydney Scruggs, Claire Wilhite), six qualified for the Academy for Summer Studies (Rachel Buckles, George Foster, Matthew Ko, Emma Partridge, Sydney Scruggs, Claire Wilhite), and two qualified for the Center for Summer Studies (Emily Clemmons, Donovan Morris).

The seventh grade leadership team has embraced the Parable of Talents challenge. This team, in conjunction with the principals, has decided to implement the House system next year in middle school in an effort to develop leaders among the students and to provide a vehicle for pastoral care for all students and to strengthen the school community.

SPPS has been invited to nominate outstanding seventh grade students to attend the National Young Leaders State Conference for the mid-south region. Attendance will provide them with an educational experience with curriculum designed to develop leadership skills and maximize their potential academic and personal achievement. The conference will be held November 17-20, 2011 in Franklin, TN. Nominations will be made by May 6.

Eight preschool and little angels teachers continue to work on the early childhood credentials using the early childhood development scholarship. Peggy King and Kayleigh Puttman will earn their CDAs this month. The new toddler room will be open June 15, 2011.

Fine arts update: The kindergarten students performed dramatic interpretations of classic children's stories at the Central Library. The MidKnight M'Laydes, the women's a capella group from LCHS, gave a concert to SPPS 1-8 grade students. The school-wide talent show was April 26, and 43 acts performed. The final "Series with the Saints" will be April 28. The National Junior Art Honor Society's new members will be introduced at the banquet on May 3. Ms. Etensohn's art students are working on their EcoArt grant project, "square foot gardening," and they are planting salad gardens which will be distributed to neighboring downtown businesses. Primary students are working on their upcoming musical, "I Need a Vacation." The spring band and chorus concert is May 25. One of SPPS's eighth grade students, Jodi Llanora, has written a class song which the class will debut at graduation on May 27. SPPS is also gaining recognition from the community for our support of the arts and our fabulous performance facility. Several local arts groups have held recitals here.

### **Committee Reports**

Facility: Don Mills reported that the major concern continues to be roof leaks. While no more water has made it to the gym floor, there are many leaks throughout the building. Alliance Corporation has been responding, and temporary repairs are working. The material required for the permanent fix has arrived, and work should begin next week. Bob Hewett asked who is paying for the roof repairs, and those details have not been finalized. Facility rentals continue to increase. Renters have been advised that off site parking is required for some events. Sr. Clara emphasized the need for communication between SPPS and St. Paul parish regarding event scheduling. Connie Carr requested signage for the restrooms near the auditorium. A question was raised about whether or not a SPPS representative is on site during all rentals, and that is the case in most instances. Mrs. Wright advised that Mr. Newhouse can give more specific information about building accessibility during rentals.

Finance: Bob Hewett presented the March profit and loss and balance sheet. March was a strong month financially. Year to date net ordinary income is \$159,807, which is within budgeted amounts. Jeanne Miller asked about the possibility of refinancing some of the debt, and the committee has been looking into this. Since the end of March, SPPS sold tax credits (which were received for renovations to the building) to Kentucky Bank, and this money will be noted on the next month's financial summary. The SPPS financial situation, which appears more optimistic now than in previous months, will be reported to the community at the upcoming town hall meeting in May.

Development/Capital Campaign: Jeanne Miller reported that phase 2 of the Saints Alive campaign has generated \$127,000 in pledges to date. She strongly encouraged board participation. The next town hall meeting is planned for May 12 at 6:00 p.m, and there is

much encouraging information to report to the community. The agenda will include enrollment updates, staffing updates, budget information, capital campaign update, and the vision/strategic plan. A 2011-12 fundraising plan is being generated through this committee, along with administration and the PTO. Kroger cards could generate a potential \$48,000 for SPPS if 200 families use them consistently! A used book sale is planned for May 25 (4-9:00 p.m.), May 26 (4-9:00 p.m.) and May 27 (until 4:00 p.m.). Bingo is being considered as a fundraiser, and training/information is planned for May. The Scrip program is also being considered; it is similar to the Kroger card program.

### **Other Reports**

PTO: Connie Carr reported that members are working on a slate for next year's officers and are working to solidify the calendar for 2011-12.

### **Unfinished Business**

The nominating committee will report at the next meeting. Members are Alan Parrish, Anne Wells and Ellen Kessler.

### **New Business**

The town hall meeting is May 12 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul Church.

### **Other Business**

None

### **Parent Comments**

Ms. Justice thanked the parents for attending. Jim Sharpe said he hoped to get an update on the status of SPPS's debt repayment, which then generated discussion from the group in an effort to explain "how we got where we are." Jeanne Miller and Bob Hewett also briefly provided information about how funds raised are allotted. Connie Carr inquired about a long term (5 year) plan for tuition rates, and Bob Hewett reported that this has not been finalized. The diocese continues to work with SPPS to collect overcharges from Alliance Corporation.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Adams, secretary

