

**William V. Fisher Catholic High School  
School Board Minutes  
May 5, 2011**

**Members Present:** Cathy DeGenova, Jane Dodds, Michelle Maskulinski, Tom Andrews, Fr. John Reade, Tony Coakley, Jim Silcott, Cathy Henry, Tiffany Wade, Joe Barrows and Kellie Shonk, Recording Secretary.

**Prayer:** Fr. Reade

**Approval of January Minutes:** Tom Andrews & Joe Barrows

**Approval of Agenda: Approved by Board**

**REPORTS:**

**Principal & President:** Mr Silcott discussed his resignation. Mr. Silcott expressed how much he enjoyed working with everyone at Fisher Catholic. It is a wonderful school. The reason I have decided to leave is because my lifestyle has changed with my parents getting older and a new grandchild on the way in September. I will be the principal at my old Alma Mater Trinity Elementary School. I have a long standing good relationship with the pastor.

A fresh new set of eyes for Fisher Catholic is what this community needs right now. Mr. Silcott feels there is a lot of great potential for this school. The Catholic community needs to keep believing that K through 12 catholic education is very important. Mr. Silcott will be working with Tiffany and the new principal well beyond June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Casey Arnett will not be coming back next school year. She is going back to grad school. We will be replacing her position.

Bid O' Luck went very well. The event grossed \$150,000. We probably netted \$120,000. There was a lot of positive feedback on all the student participation including the choir, students singing the Alma Mater and the Football players helping to bid up the Grand Auction items. Denise Mitchell should be credited for this idea.

**Teachers:** Next school year we will not have Mid-terms or comprehensive finals. This will allow for more actual teaching days.

**Pastors:** Fr. Reade expressed disappointment that Monday was National Teacher's Day and our teachers were not recognized. Teachers work together well at Fisher Catholic.

**Development Committee:** No Report

**Regional Catholic Unity (Enrollment Committee):** No Report

**Optimal Enrollment & Comprehensive Finance Plan (Finance Committee):** No Report

**Campus Plan (Buildings & Grounds):** Plan presented last meeting. Work complete at this time.

**Marketing & Development:** Brad Barnett is doing an amazing job along with George Schmelzer. There is a budget of \$15,000 for marketing next year. June is when the committee will finalize the marketing strategy. Jeanette Kam, Associate Director of School Planning & Development at the Diocese, will be coming down this summer to meet with our committee. The plan is moving along nicely.

**Athletic Association:** Mulch sale is this weekend.

Tony Hurps, Athletic Director, is working hard to get the Fall Festival up and running.

Joe Bills has been named the new boys basketball coach. We have good candidates for girl's soccer coach. Matt Little from Berne Union has been named the new girls basketball coach. We are still waiting to name a new volleyball coach.

**Finance:** We had a special meeting Monday to discuss Mr. Silcott leaving after this school year.

**Performing Arts:** Pancake Breakfast went very well. Gross sales are estimated at \$1300.

The Pops concert is Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2 p.m. The new stage floor put in before this concert. The labor for the stage is being donated.

**Wellness:** No Report

**Student Council:** There are seven (7) candidates for elections next Monday. There will be four (4) positions to fill. Next year, Olivia Reade will be student council president and Patrick Walsh will be vice president. We will continue to send student council to camp over the summer.

Student Council has done a wonderful job this year, especially Josh Jones and Joe Szablewski.

So far the House of Kildare is in the lead for winning the Kings Island trip.

The Prom is Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 12 at Cheers Chalet.

**Technology:** Fisher will be getting 30 I-Pads for the next school year. The teachers will be able to checkout these I-Pads their classrooms. At the beginning of the school year, the teachers will be in-serviced on their various functions. We are looking at getting an App for each teacher depending on their needs. Fisher will be able to budget more for technology for the coming school year.

Another meeting is scheduled with D.A.S.L. It is a data base, attendance and grade reporting system that will take the place of our current system with Radiant Technology. It will allow us to offer on-line progress reports to parents and students.

Mr. Silcott has ordered a phone for Fr. Reade's office.

**Old Business:**

Marketing Concerns- We are hoping with the new changes for next school year, we can go forward and be positive.

Parish Discussions- There is more than just one idea for making our three catholic schools grow. It was suggested by Linda Sheridan that maybe we need another summit meeting to bring positive answers and ideas for the future. We need to invite the whole Catholic community.

**New Business:** None

**Closing Motion:** Joe Barrows & Tom Andrews