



**Draft St Louis School Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Nov, 3 2015 7:00 PM Parish Ministry Center**

Attendance Jim D' Anza, Mike Donner, Fran Barr, Angel Boev, Mike Moore, Fr. Robert Ring

Fr. Bob led a discussion of the makeup and role of the advisory board. Consensus was that 9 board members would be optimum. The current list of board members is: Fran Barr, Angel Boev, Chris Crowley, Jim D' Anza, Mike Donner, Mike Moore, Fr. Robert Ring. Three additional persons were recommended for inclusion and they will be contacted to identify which two of the three would like to join the advisory board. There was further discussion about the role of the advisory board including the dual role of the board where board members are asked to communicate issues which arise in the school community as well as advise Fr. Bob on actions that he is considering. Other discussion topics were:

- Jim D'Anza will serve as interim board chairman
- Meetings may not be held monthly but for the near term, they will be as the budget is developed and the tuition for next year is set. This needs to be completed in January.
- Fr. Bob has been in conversation with other diocesan schools about how their advisory boards operate and will share that information this week.
- Fran Barr presented a list of many items that the parents are asked to pay for throughout the year. The charges range from frequent small items such as folders and supplies to larger items. An effort needs to be made to consolidate these so that it maybe done in a manner that is more convenient for the parents. She also described upgrades to the electrical system and technology items, which should be decided upon before the Open Houses in February. This will have an impact on next year's tuition.
- Angel Boev started a discussion about the tuition levels and questioned how important the actual level is. He asked for information about the tuition history and budget for the coming year. Fran Barr will work with Laurie Martin to present the numbers for next year.

- Jim D’Anza stressed that tuition increases need to be presented in terms of why they are needed.
- There was a discussion about fundraising in general and the need to have other income sources: Grants(such as the Salvatores Grant), Voluntary Tuition, “Sponsor a Classroom”, and development of an alumni program. Would Mercy and McQuaid provide information that they have regarding graduates who went to St. Louis School?
- St. Louis School will celebrate its 60th year on Feb 14, 2016. The school started in the Manse in that year and the present school building has been standing for 50 years.

The next school advisory board meeting will be held Tuesday Dec. 8, at 7 PM

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm

Submitted by Mike Moore – Secretary