



**Draft St Louis School Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Sept. 29 2015 7:00 PM Parish Ministry Center**

Attendance Chris Crowley, Jim D' Anza, Mike Moore, Fr. Robert Ring, Dawn Schnell

At this meeting there was a general discussion about the role of the School Advisory Board. Points that were made are presented below

- The purpose of the board is to advise the pastor and school administration in matters of school programs and governance. The pastor is in the position to make decisions but Fr. Bob stated that the advice of the board has been helpful to him in areas such as the 6th grade decision, pre-K programs, Math crisis, and development programs. The board grew from the school reversion committee.
- St. Louis Parish is commissioning a development committee. That committee will seek to integrate the development activities of the parish, school, and Saints Place. Members are being recruited and the committee will consider more than just fundraising. It will encompass coordination of calendars and other activities.
- St. Louis School will celebrate its 60th year on Feb 14, 2016. This should be considered as a date for the gala and as the focus of other activities. Other activities to be stressed are Field Day, and Colonial Days as they highlight the unique nature of St. Louis School.
- Dawn Schnell had previously announced her intention to step away from the school advisory board. Additional discussion took place about the make up of the board.
 - Some members from last year's board have reached the end of their terms.
 - There was a recommendation that we add a Vice Chair position with the understanding that the term of the Chairperson be limited and the expectation would be that the Vice Chair step up to the Chair position and the end of the Chair term. (We may need to remove the board membership term limit for the chair to allow this to happen)
 - The ideal size of the board should be 6-8 with a diverse representation.
 - Expectations about meeting attendance should be stressed.
- Current Members of the School Advisory Board moving forward are as follows:

- Fran Barr
- Angel Boev
- Chris Crowley
- Jim D' Anza
- Mike Moore
- Fr. Robert Ring
- The following persons have expressed an interest in joining the board
 - Mike Donner
 - Sal Morrow
 - Daniella Muldock
 - Mellisa Therese
- The mission of the board was discussed as follows:
 - The role of the school advisory board is distinct from the PTO
 - Fr. Bob wants the advisory board to increase its role in the development of the Pre-K program. It is generally believed that that program is the best opportunity to build the school attendance and ensure the long-term stability of the school.
- Access to more facilities for fitness programs is needed. The St. Louis gym is used to capacity and our campus does not offer a suitable athletic field. Use of the Spiegel Center gym and field located nearby in the village should be investigated.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm

Submitted by Mike Moore – Secretary