

# Assumption Parish Board of Education Meeting

## 4 August 2011, 6pm

**Members present:** Sec/Treasurer: Carrie Moats, Chair: Dan Moellenbeck, Vice-chair: Joe Creighton, Susan Steier, Merlyn Wiese, Fr. Remi

*Ex Officio* members present: Herb Hartman

Others present: Jason Derry

Absent: Jerrod Robinson, Deacon Dan McGuire

- Agenda accepted as submitted
- Minutes from May's meeting approved as submitted.

### **Dowling Board of Education Report:** Jason

- A. Campaign update – 2010-2011 **Annual Appeal** goal \$875,000, with pledges currently totaling \$881,042, from 1,786 donors. 2010-2011 **We Believe** campaign is just short of \$3,800,000 goal. Recently received a \$200,000 gift from a family, and the donated restored Studebaker roadster sold for \$20,000, plus the donors sell price match.
- B. Construction update – meetings and talks are in progress regarding future look of worship space, administration offices, and lobby. The old Band room has been gutted and waterlines installed, and new Band room walls have been painted. Work is 3-4 days ahead of schedule. Recent rains have been helpful in packing the ground for sod work.
- C. Summer work from school budget – new bus and band trailer are scheduled to arrive in August. New roof was completed on wings of building last year. Now working on rest of building's roof with gym, kitchen, and sides of courtyard sections completed. Roof work will continue over core, including library, auditorium, art and music spaces. Will hold off replacing glass wall in cafeteria for now to see how budget holds up.
- D. Hiring summary – hiring of teachers and staff is complete for now. Orientation for new teachers will be held before teachers return from summer break. Will hold off hiring replacement for Deb Daughenbaugh's position on Maintenance staff until August.
- E. Maroons in Health Sciences – partnership between Dowling and Mercy Hospital. This is a replication of our engineering program. DCHS students will be able to become familiar with the many health science fields and get hands-on experience. Over 180 students are interested in the program but Mercy is able to handle only 25-40 students. We don't want to turn any student away so we have gone out to other science related companies including Kemin Industries who has agreed to the program and will be able to accommodate 25-30 students. We are also having conversations with Monsanto and Pioneer in hopes they will be interested in partnering with us.

### III. Finance Report –Lynn Walz

- A. Lynn reported financials are in good position. Strong balance sheet with net assets less liabilities increased \$2,800,000 – great trend.

IV. High School Report – Jerry Deegan

- A. Students completed more than 44,000 hours of service and donated more than \$46,000 to various charities throughout this school year – great participation by students!
- B. Jerry distributed a handout from the CIML showing athletic participation by schools. Dowling Catholic led the way - 39% of our students participated in sports during each season.
- C. Summer school enrollment: 425 students enrolled in summer classes. Holding both morning and afternoon sessions with lunch being served. Enrollment is up about 100 students from last summer. Some of the impact is due to adding Art classes this summer, as well as some of the 185 students in the engineering program taking classes this summer in order to fit other activities in schedule, including band and choir, etc.
- D. Two students who are blind will be enrolled this fall. They will have assistants to help them throughout the day.

**PTO Report:** None

**Open Forum:** None

**Parish Administrator report:** Deacon Dan

**Principal's Report:**

➤ Spiritual Leader –

8/3 Talked with Father Okere re: School Mass schedule

➤ Educational Leader –

6/17 Submitted Spring BEDS

7/5 Talked with parent re: student placement

7/18 Worked with Denise Mulcahy re: Site Visit

➤ Public Relation Leader –

6/14 Attended Parish Council dinner

6/20 Sent note to parents re: I-Cubs events

6/23 Attended Catholic Charities' Night at the I-Cubs (students sang National Anthem)

7/13 Met with Debra Taylor, Polk City Welcome Wagon \*\*\*\*

7/16 Participated in Granger Daze parade

7/17 Attended Assumption School Family Picnic

Attended BRAG meeting

7/26 Met with anonymous donor re: tuition assistance \*\*\*\*

8/1 Assumption School Registration

➤ Managerial Leader –

6/10 Met with Brad Anderson, WG Elementary Principal, re: UPK Grant

6/16 Met with Tom and Dan re: sidewalk project

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6/20 Met with Ann re: grant writing \*\*\*\*

6/21 Contacted CTO/EASE families re: awards

7/7 Ordered student chairs and desks \*\*\*\*

Ordered new religion books

Met with Brad Anderson re: UPK Grant

7/8 Advertised for student aide/afterschool care supervisor \*\*\*\*

7/12 Met with Nancy Christensen re: contracted kitchen manager

Ordered teacher supplies

7/14 Attended Building and Grounds Committee meeting  
8/1 Sent teachers letter re: back to school information

➤ **Upcoming Important Dates –**

8/17 Teachers return to work  
8/18 Teachers at Diocesan Back To School Mass/Benefits Meeting  
Assumption “Back to School” Night (4:00 – 6:00 pm)  
8/19 Teacher/Staff “Back to School” Mass  
8/22 First Day of School (early dismissal @ 2:15 pm)  
8/23 through 8/26 Early Dismissal @ 2:15 pm  
8/25 PTO meeting  
8/26 BRAG Kickoff for students (1:30 pm)

**Old Business:**

- Marketing:
  - Student Retention
- Officer Approvals : All

**New Business:**

- BOE Schedule: Approved as presented
- State visit: Discussed schedule

An executive session was not held.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:06 pm**