

St. John the Baptist Catholic School

Board Gram

October 5, 2009

- Arlene McCormick called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Father Philip O’Kennedy opened the meeting with prayer.
- Arlene McCormick thanked the Public Relations Committee for their work with the Madison Street Festival, reminded Board members that the book fair was approaching and asked each Board member to volunteer to help. Arlene reported that the Discipline Review Grievance Process ad hoc committee plans to hold their next meeting in October.
- The minutes with noted changes from the September 8th meeting were motioned by Arlene McCormick, 2nd by Susie Wittig and passed unanimously by the attending Board members.
- Arlene McCormick led a discussion on prayer as the monthly Catholicity topic. Discussion focused on how well our school provides opportunities for our children and teachers to pray, as well as the variety of prayer methods and times throughout the day. Arlene provided a packet that outlined specific prayers taught by grade level, which is based on Diocesan standards. Father Philip O’Kennedy noted some upcoming changes to some prayers and responses within the mass, and specifically noted the packet’s details of the Liturgical Year. The November discussion on Scripture will be led by Chris Smith.
- Arlene McCormick led a discussion about the School Board portion of the school website and submitted a proposed layout design. Attending Board members provided inputs and recommendations.
- Tania Yee submitted a detailed packet on volunteerism and led a discussion on the current spirit of volunteerism in St. John’s School. The question of addressing the volunteerism and fostering a renewed sense of volunteerism in our school was posed. The Board agreed to table the discussion and revisit this topic in the future.
- Mrs. Lewis provided a written report to the Board regarding Parent Covenant, Catholicity, Curriculum, Accreditation, and Professional Development. Mrs. Lewis also distributed the October “Partners in Faith” sheet which she will send home to school families this week.
- Jennifer English provided a written report to the Board regarding the new PTO officers, PTO budget, and SCRIP sales.
- Tania Yee provided a written report on behalf of the Public Relations Committee and spoke about the work done with Madison Street Festival, initial plans regarding Taste of Kindergarten and Open House, and the work being done regarding the website and branding.
- Susie Wittig provided a copy of the Book Fair invitation sent to Grandparents and asked Board members to help by both volunteering during the event and passing the volunteer request onto their committees.
- Linda Schaaf provided a written report, Balance Sheet and Income Statement on behalf of the Finance Committee.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with a closing prayer by Sherry Lewis.

Respectively submitted,
Linda Schaaf
School Board Vice Chair
St. John’s Catholic School