

St. John Vianney Catholic School
Advisory Board
Minutes – February 17, 2010

Members Present: Georgia Gonzalez, Patti Flores, Tricia Sidell, Trisha San Miguel, Stacy Missigman, Fr. Drew, Maria Mesquita, Stu Seim, Veronica Ramirez, Sr. Ignacia

Member	Position
Stacy Missigman	President
Dan Ashlock	Vice President
Trisha San Miguel	Secretary
Tricia Sidell	Parish Finance
Georgia Gonzalez	Development Committee
Maria Mesquita and Veronica Ramirez	Public Relations & Media, Student Recruitment
Stu Seim	Member
Vacant	Finance Committee
Sr. Ignacia Carrillo	SJV Principal
Fr. John Herman	SJV Pastor

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by the board president.

Opening Prayer

The meeting opened with an opening prayer by Fr. Drew.

Facilities Planning Committee

Fr. Drew shared a presentation from the committee discussing the future of SJV. The committee is projecting for the next 5-12 years.

Open Forum

No comments from the floor.

School Report

- SJV has called the Accelerated Reader representative and training is scheduled for 2/24/10.
- Feedback for the accreditation report was received. Additional edits and examples are needed and will follow.
- There is a current movement on how to get the Latin community to evangelize and enroll their children at SJV. Seven (7) active parents will be solicited and given a presentation for recruiting purposes. RE (Religious Education) will be targeted to solicit families.

Budget and Tuition Discussion

Tricia gave a presentation on the budget and tuition for upcoming 2010-2011 school year. The presentation serves to purposes: (1) where we are now and (2) where we are going.

Present Environment: The Jubilee Debt Reduction program allows the diocese to match dollar for dollar to pay down debt. The top 50 SJV contributors from the parish were targeted for this program. Paying off this debt will allow the school to secure favorable financing terms in the open market for future needs.

Ministries / Utilities: Currently when the school is used by other groups the school covers most of the utility cost, but not all. The school benefits from resource sharing in other ways, such as payroll allocation for some staff.

Future Environment: One of the goals is to have SJV be financially independent. More discussion is needed to solidify other financial goals. The future role of the diocese will be as an advisory role to SJV. Future funding for SJV will be independently sought.

For the past two years the parish office has covered \$150,000 in expenses for the school. This is a subject of much discussion. Going forward, it will be important to identify the parish contribution to the school for budgeting purposes at both levels.

The Cafeteria Manager will be leaving SJV at the end of this school year. Currently this position has been posted. Litchfield Elementary and Avondale Elementary have given their proposals to SJV for cafeteria services. These proposals are being looked into. With current funding the cafeteria manager pays herself, staff and for all food. SJV breaks even after state funding is received.

The upcoming tuition was discussed at length. The goal for SJV is to remain competitive with surrounding schools, provide a quality education and be self sufficient. Different scenarios were discussed. Veronica shared with the group the most current rates for surrounding catholic schools. After a lengthy discussion the general consensus was to keep the tuition increase as low as possible.

Standing Committee Reports & Discussion

Item was tabled due to time constraints.

Idea Sharing & Open Discussion

Item was tabled due to time constraints.

Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm with a closing prayer by Sr. Ignacia.