

**Report to Council
St. Matthew Parish
Submitted to the Vice Chairperson
Committee: Board of Education
Person Submitting: Eileen Rehn
Meeting Date: February 5, 2007**

Members Present: Sue Chilson, Diana Erlandson, Dave Sims, Eileen Rehn, Fr. Steve Stradinger, Christine Apple, Barb Shelton, Nancy Konkel, Barb Czerwinski. Sandy Gavin, Sue Margraff.
Guest: Tim Dugan, Home and School Association President
Excused: Shari Reimer

1. **Opening prayer** – Scripture reading and “Question of the week.”

Old Business

2. **Previous meeting minutes reviewed:** Motion to accept by Sandy, second by Barb S.
3. **Review of open items from previous meeting** – Discussed throughout the meeting.

New Business

4. **Enrollment** – Another new family with 3 children has enrolled and started in grades 1, 2 and 7 last week. Enrollment is currently at 239. There has been a large increase in interest from the Racine and Kenosha area due to potential consolidation of parishes. Diana has given several tours each week. A family from St. Mary’s parish has inquired about sending their children to St. Matthew School. The Board will review the policy used in the past regarding the financial arrangement between the parishes and tuition. Fr. Steve noted that St. Mary’s parish gives money annually to our school to support Catholic education. The school contract was reviewed, and the only change for next year will be tuition.
5. **Auction Update** – The auction catalog is completed and will be on the school website soon. There will be a “high end table” this year with items valued over \$200. A new item in the live auction will be brunch with Archbishop Dolan. Ticket sales are going well.
6. **Marketing** – Dave is working on a bulletin insert that can be sent to the Cluster Parishes. Barb S. has reserved the marquee at the Oak Creek Community Center for 2 days at a cost of \$35 per day.
7. **Graduate Surveys** – Nine responses have been received out of the 23 surveys sent out. The feedback has been positive.
8. **Budget** – The Board’s recommendations to the finance committee will be a 5% increase in tuition and a \$20 increase in the registration fee to \$85.
9. **Principal Updates** – Catholic Schools Week activities and High Interest Day were “awesome.” A school open house after Sunday masses will be considered for the future. Cecilia Margraff finished first and Fiona Dolan finished third in the District Spelling Bee. They will move on to the next level in New Berlin.
10. **Floor Items** – Our eighth grade students, who are residents of the Oak Creek Franklin School District, can take Spanish 1 at the high school during first hour and receive bus transportation back to St. Matthew. Non-residents can participate for an additional fee. Diana will contact the district office and distribute information to current seventh grade families so that everyone has an opportunity to utilize this program.