

**SS. Cyril and Methodius
School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 5, 2008**

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Bob Libby.
2. **Opening Prayer:** Bob L led the group in opening prayer.
3. **Roll Call:** Father Larry and Shirley Tkachuk present. School Board members: Ed Andruszkiewicz, Vicki Burton, Lupe Czerwinski, Bob Gomulka, Garland King, Debbie Latz, Bob Libby, Mike Pender and Beth Rendak present.
4. **Acknowledgement of Guests:** There were several guests who wished to address the board. They were Peter Dyer, Barb Szostak, Bobbie Griffith, Mary Grabowski, Terri Langellier and Bev Marzec. The other guests in attendance did not wish to address the board and they were Colleen Hickey, Mary Lee Reilley, Amy Selfridge, Meredith Marzalik, Mary J. Marzalik, Kerri Poniatowski and Flo Jaworski.
5. **Visitor Comments:** Bob L. addressed the guests regarding the protocol for visitor comments, guests were asked if they would like a response to please state so. Pete Dyer a SSCM coach, Athletic Commission member and a concerned parent, school family member for 11 years. He read from a letter he wrote, upset with how Shirley spoke, communicated and addressed several Athletic Commission members at a special meeting and asked for a response from the board with regards to the tone of her opening remarks and comments and if they were accurate. Mr. Dyer did present to the board his letter that he read and the written minutes, which were written by Sue Magenti, from the meeting he and several other AC members had with Shirley. Barb Szostak read a letter, dated January 23, 2008, which several teachers composed, signed and had been given to Shirley. They support Shirley and her decisions and wanted the SB to be aware of their feelings. She does not want a response. Bobbie Griffith spoke as a concerned parent who is also a member of the Athletic Commission and a coach. She spoke of having honest and open communications between the parents and faculty. She felt there has been a breakdown in this process over the past several months. She did not want a response; she was only stating her concern. Mary Grabowski spoke regarding having the pep rally planning being put on the shoulders of the faculty each year, and that it is involved. For the 16 years she has been there she had helped Mrs. Szostak with the pep rallies in the past, but that the timing of the pep rally was an issue, she felt there was no time for it with all the other events going on. She also stated that as a Catholic school, the faculty does not condone pep rallies during Lent. She came up with the idea to combine the Lady Comet and the Emil pep rallies, but she felt it was the best decision due to the timing. She did not want a response. Terri Langellier, she is also the Athletic Liaison, she read from a letter she wrote, she was upset with regards as to how parents responded and she support Shirley and her decision, she did not want a response. Bev Marzec, a graduate and life-long member of St Cyril's School and the Athletic Director, asked that she be on next month's School Board agenda as a regular item. She felt that as the largest volunteer organization it would be good to explain to everyone what the Athletic program is about and would like to address what progress has been made regarding the communication between the Athletic Commission and the Administration. She was asked if she was looking to be on the agenda every month. She stated not at this time, but she would like a timely response so that she could prepare. Mrs. Szostak did state that Mr. Sniegowski had written a letter, but the letter was not present at the time. Meredith Marzalik stated she was involved with the letter and would like to speak. She stressed that the goal of the school is academics and Catholic Schools' week is very important, she is appalled on how parents have handled and addressed the pep rally issues. She did not feel having a pep rally during Lent was appropriate for a Catholic School. She does not want a response. Mike Pender asked if Bob L could forward a copy Mr. Sniegowski's letter, Shirley who was given a copy of the letter by Mr. Sniegowski, gave her copy to Bob L. to read; it stated his support of Shirley and her decisions.
6. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Beth to approve corrected minutes, second by Garland. All in favor, minutes approved and will be posted on the website.
7. **Amendments to Agenda:** none.

8. **Reports of Officers:** *President:* No report. *Treasurer:* Report and checkbook balance given by Beth. SB sold 59 Lotto tickets. *Secretary:* No report. *Vice-President:* Bob G was not able to attend the last Parish Commission meeting. Mike Pender who did attend spoke regarding the parish survey done during the summer and the “We will” statements that were prepared by the Education Committee of the Parish Commission. News from the Pews did go out on February 1st.

Principal's Report: Financials and School budget reports were reviewed. Shirley reviewed her January and February schedule. 11 students will have their Science projects compete in the project session and 12 students will compete in the paper session in the regional science fair in March at the University of St Francis. We placed second in the Chess Tournament. About 25 people attended the Alumni Gathering; the oldest person who attended was from the class of 1942. Mrs. O’Connell’s letter was given to the board to review. 489 students have re-enrolled and 20 families have not re-enrolled as of this date, there are 18 families are on a waiting list. The current budget had been based on 490 students. 50 current families did attend the open school, Mardi Gras which had been cancelled had been re-instated, Ash Wednesday, Confirmation Retreat, Emil Tournament and progress reports are upcoming events. Bev Marzec did ask if she could comment she wanted to remind Shirley that the 8th grade girls did win the Lady Comet Tournament.

Pastor Report: The 125th Parish Anniversary, for 2009, is in the planning stage. Fr asked if the Open House could be done on Sundays. Would like the directory to be reviewed as a data base for the next Alumni Gathering.

Communications: none.

9. **Committee Reports:** *Finance:* Beth and the Finance Committee are getting ready to meet and discuss next year’s budget. *Development:* Vicki stated we did not get the NCTM grant. *Technology:* Lupe stated there was no Technology Committee meeting in January. The Committee will be addressing the technology fee. *Public Relations:* Garland would like the Alumni Gathering to be a planned scheduled event. *Legislative Action:* Ed stated there will slightly less money coming from the School Safety Block Grant than we had originally been told, Ed did not know the exact amount at this time. Ed asked Lupe to find out about the email sign up with the Tech Committee. Ed shared a Catholic Conference January Newsletter.

10. **Old Business:** Visitor Protocol- Shirley had updated the protocol.

New Business: *Legislative Workshop Recap:* Ed reviewed the Legislative workshop he attended. He addressed building relationships with the State Reps and bridging the gap between the schools and the State Reps. Spoke about having a forum with legislative candidates. *Missed Gratuity-* Mike Pender informed the board that over the summer Dean Rademacher volunteered 40 hours of plumbing work to put in new faucets and felt he should be acknowledged for his work. Shirley will send him a thank you letter.

11. **Executive Session Agenda:** a motion to move into executive to discuss visitor’s comments made by Beth and second by Mike, all in favor. Meeting to move into executive session at 8:30pm.

12. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn regular meeting made by Mike, second by Bob G; meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.