

## 2008-09 School Advisory Board

The School Advisory Board (the “Board”) is a board of nine elected members and six ex-officio (non-voting) members, including the Pastor, Principal, Director of School Advancement, a representative from Home & School, a representative from Parish Council, and a Faculty representative. Elected members serve three-year terms, with terms expiring on a rotating basis.

The stated purpose of the Board is to examine and evaluate the educational offerings of St. Robert School for the purpose of generating policies consistent with a high quality Catholic education and the goals of St. Robert Parish. But the function of the Board goes way beyond this purpose.

Current members: Jane Boland, Jane Connell, Dan Davis, Michael DeMichele, Clark Gridley, Matt Hietpas, Matt Linn, Laura Maly, Bill Schlise, Tom Zale. (10 members. Drops back to 9 in 2009-10.)

Seven of the nine elected members chair committees that support the school in a variety of ways. We welcome any parent who has an interest in a particular committee to contact the appropriate chair and join a committee. The following is a description of each committee:

**Budget & Finance:** Works with the Principal to develop the annual operating budget for the school and to prepare long range financial projections. Topics include revenue projections, tuition structure, expense management, and staffing. *Chair: Tom Zale, 967-3420*

**Development:** Works with the Director of School Advancement in the acquisition of financial resources and coordination of the Annual Fund appeal. Recent initiatives include increasing participation in the Annual Fund kick-off party, incorporating new marketing materials into fundraising campaigns, and increasing alumni outreach. *Chair: Michael DeMichele, 963-9806*

**Education & Formation:** Works with the Principal and faculty to gather data and to plan and support new initiatives in the areas of academic programming and religious formation. Recent accomplishments include updating and modernizing library materials and catalogs, as well as facilitating after-school enrichment programs such as Chess Club, Drama Club, Scrabble Club and Mad Science. On-going initiatives include cross-curricular units of study, elevating and integrating Visual Arts into the curriculum, and adding other after-school enrichment programs such as Visual Arts class, Milwaukee Debate League, and a school newspaper. *Chair: Bill Schlise, 562-9021*

**Environment:** Plans and secures resources for improving the functionality, accessibility, and aesthetics of the physical plant and its surrounding landscape. Recent initiatives include the new Media Center, accessibility upgrades, landscape enhancements, and interior finishes. *Chair: Dan Davis, 961-9993*

**Marketing & Recruitment:** Develops marketing materials and events that communicate the mission and brand identity of the school and assist the Director of School Advancement with recruitment efforts. Recent accomplishments include developing and launching the new web site and upgrading the “Ask Us Why” campaign. *Chair: Clark Gridley, 961-7333*

**Policy:** Maintains the Parent Handbook consistent with archdiocesan directives and local needs by drafting new policies and revising existing policies. *Chair: Jane Boland, 967-1760*

**Technology:** Researches and identifies technological solutions for curricular and administrative needs of the school and maintains a three-year plan for hardware and software acquisitions and upgrades. *Chair: Matt Hietpas, 962-1450*

## Financial Overview

<b>St. Robert School Budget – Sources &amp; Uses</b>			
	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Tuition	913,206	939,719	2.9%
Annual Fund	200,000	200,000	-
Home & School	137,000	137,000	-
Parish Subsidy	204,962	138,566	-32.4%
Other	178,350	168,800	-5.4%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,633,518</b>	<b>1,584,085</b>	<b>-3.0%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Salaries & Benefits	1,469,383	1,423,755	-3.1%
Books & Other	164,135	160,330	-2.3%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,633,518</b>	<b>1,584,085</b>	<b>-3.0%</b>

- We work hard to keep tuition as affordable as possible. Due to moderate changes in enrollment and other factors, total revenue is expected to be down 3% in 2009-10.
- While tuition represents nearly 60% of total revenues, the Annual Fund and the efforts of our Home & School Association are critical to the solvency of the school. Combined, these sources generate 20% of our annual revenues.
- The Parish cash subsidy represents about 10% of revenues, but the Parish also provides subsidies in the use, maintenance and operating costs of school facilities and grounds.
- The school demonstrates fiscal responsibility by operating under a balanced budget. The current economic environment has forced difficult expense management decisions which we believe will not compromise the quality of education.
- Editorial Note: We want to thank the administration and staff of St. Robert School who continue to deliver an ever-improving, quality Catholic education for our children. Sacrifices have been made in these difficult times, yet their commitment to the education of our children is uncompromised.