

Sacred Heart Area School
Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.
Conference Room in Rectory

Those present were Jim Opelia, Tom Brichacek, Michael Cole, Katie Noska, Sue Story, Tina Maros, and Katie Norris.

Chairperson Tom called the meeting to order and there was an opening prayer. It was moved to accept the agenda and seconded. Approved. The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. Motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded and unanimously approved.

Principal Jim Opelia presented the Board with the Parochial School Report

Recent Events:

NWEA Tests: K-5 classes during the month of January. Our goal was to show improvement from their last test, rewarded with ice cream for accomplishment. Concern whether this was stressed enough to the students to do well. Some concerns by board members that scores not high enough, striving for higher achievements and more academics during the day expected by parents.

Teacher Workshop Day (January 22nd): school calendar, language arts standards, reports cards, reviewed different math curriculums which were not as vigorous as ours, decided to keep ours and ordering new ones to replace some.

Great Technology Giveaway: SHAS won "Great Technology Giveaway" from St. Cloud Diocese for performance of a bible story. Rewarded \$1200. With matched funds of \$1000 from donor and alumni contribution, 15 new chrome books ordered and should be here within the week.

Catholic Schools Week: Spaghetti dinner and pancake breakfast hosted by 4th and 5th grade classes. Made \$1000 for spring fieldtrip. Overall week went very well.

The Carnival: Well attended. Raffle tickets well over \$17,000.00. K of C pancake breakfast raised \$745. Cleanup went very smoothly and quickly.

Upcoming Events:

Valentine's Day:/100th Day of School Celebrations: Tuesday afternoon, February 13th given Ash Wednesday

Fish Fries: Every Friday from February 4th – March 23rd. Noted switch of grades for several nights.

Parent Teacher Conferences: At the request of the board, will hold conferences by request of parents on February 22nd.

Spring Pictures March 5th

Roundup March 20th

Questions of activities for recess when not able to go outdoors: difficult as preschoolers are sleeping at this time. Older grades are either in classrooms, library. Hoping for more activities.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising: Katie Norris, Katie Noska, Sue Storry—Carnival went well. Spring Blast meetings in full swing. Fish Fry signs up should be going out soon. 5K conversations starting – not the same weekend as Spring Blast but would like to have.

Budget and Finance: Katie Norris, Tom Brichacek: reviewed budget. Motion was made to approve the budget for June 2018-2019. Seconded and approved.

Personnel & Human Resources: Michael Cole, Katie Noska—Reviewed structure for board follow-up for teachers. Want to legitimize concerns from teachers but ignore petty complaints, rumblings, gossip. First step would be bringing concerns to principal, board should be available, but our preference remains teachers → principal → board. Our goal is to be as transparent as possible. In formalizing an approach, hoping to minimize gossip and recognizing/addressing issues in more formalized way. Discussed contracts for next year which have not yet been completed. No incidents reported this month.

PR/Marketing & Development: Tina Maros, Tom B, Sue Storry, Christine Albrecht--discussed success of FaceBook page and encouraged others to join and post. Several live videos from carnival were a hit. Emphasized SHARING events on page.

Curriculum/Technology: Michael Cole, Christine Albrecht-- NWEA testing—District is actually classmates. Slightly higher scores than in the fall.

Old Business: see above.

New Business:

2018-2019 Enrollment Forms: Reviewed new preschool tuition policy added and 3% increase in tuition totaling approximately \$3000 increase for next year. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

2018-2019 Teacher Salary Schedule: Reviewed, motioned, seconded, and approved. Discussed making pay scale available for staff to review to promote continued education for self-fulfillment and the betterment of our students.

2018-2019 School Budget: Reviewed, motioned, seconded, and approved.

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 1st.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Norris.