

**Sacred Heart Area School
Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Conference Room in Rectory**

Those present were Jim Opelia, Katie Noska, Chris Perius, Tom Brichacek, Michael Cole, Tina Maros, Father Joe, RoAnn Trout, and Sarah Gregerson.

Absent: Susan Storry

Chairperson Tom called the meeting to order at 5:22 pm.

Executive Session was called.

Chris moved to accept the agenda. Sarah seconded. Approved.

The minutes from the March 2nd meeting were reviewed. Chris made a motion to delete the first sentence on the minutes. Katie seconded. Approved.

- 1) Principal Jim Opelia presented the Board with the Parochial School Report

Recent Happenings

The SHAS fish fries started on Friday, March 3rd and have been very successful, averaging 400 customers per night other than St. Patrick's Day which had only 318. We have our last fish fry happening this Friday, April 7th.

Preparations for the MNSAA Team Visit - The SSP and Self Study was mailed to team members on March 10th. Thank you for everyone's hard work in the study and development of the plan! We are currently getting the school in order for the visit, creating schedules, work environment, and food and lodging arrangements for the team. All is going well.

Preschool and Kindergarten Roundup took place March 21st in the form of an Open House, with pizza served. We had a nice attendance with new families to SHAS. Then, on March 22nd, We had our "Be a Student for a Day" option, where potential preschool children could experience an actual classroom day from 9:00am-12:00pm. Next year's kindergarten students, currently in our preschool, went to Mrs. Becker's kindergarten room at this time.

Upcoming Events

MNSAA Team Visit: The team is scheduled to visit SHAS on April 11th and 12th. This team will come to observe our school to see how we meet the MNSAA Standards and live out our mission, philosophy and school strategic plan (SSP). Staff have been instructed to arrive by 7:30am to meet and greet team members. Home and School officers are preparing a continental breakfast for the guests. Board members are invited to this as well.

Pizza/Dance/Slumber Party - On April 21st at 6pm, we will have a complimentary **pizza supper** made by Giovanni's Pizza. Your family is welcome! A **dance** and **slumber party** will immediately follow. All these fun treats are earned schoolwide incentive rewards for the students' success with the carnival raffle.

Audubon Center Field Trip Grades 4-5 May 1-3

Adopt a Highway Cleanup - April 26th

First Communion – April 29th

SHAS Sprint into Summer 5K and Kids Fun Run will take place Saturday May 6th. Register early for a free tee-shirt. Last May 14th, SHAS had its 1st 5K Run and 1K for Kids. 47 people participated in the 5K including some SHAS students. About 24 children ran the 1K. Several participants ran / jogged more than usual in the preceding months leading up to the event, benefiting them a great deal. This run is undoubtedly a huge service toward better health and wellness for our community.

Spring Blast- May 6th

Last Day of School June 2nd

Language Arts (LA)/Reading - Development of Scales Training and Workshop will take place sometime in the second half of August 2017. Diocesan teachers and principals will gather to gain a better understanding of the LA standards and the development of LA scales.

Committee Reports

Fundraising Committee: Spring blast planning is going well. The fish fries have been well received in the community. The weather has been really good and lots of events going on in town that has increased the crowd. In the future the Fish Fry committee would like to see some of the proceeds be allocated to technology.

Budget/Finance: See Old Business

Personnel/Human Resources: There was discussion regarding absences. At this time there are no changes made to the current policy.

PR Mktg. / Development: PR has been trying to put at least one update every week on Facebook about events going on in the school. The preschool/ kindergarten roundup went good. There were a few new families that attended. PR is going to try and change up the presentation for next year.

Curriculum: No meeting last month.

New Business

Technology Improvement Plan: The district is going to have chrome books for each student in grades 8 thru 12, and grades for 4th thru 7th will share chrome books on a cart. SHAS has decided to purchase a cart of chrome books to be shared between the 4th and 5th grade. They also decided to purchase a few more iPad for the younger grades to have in their classroom.

Board Member Candidates: Katie and Chris's terms will be expiring at the end of this school year. They have to make the decision if they would like to renew their terms or if they would like to leave the board. They will have until May to make that decision. Sarah is electing to come off the board, so her position on the board will be available for election.

MNSAA Team Visit: Jim has created a schedule and a checklist for the MNSAA visit that will take place next week. We are very excited for MNSAA to come and to get feedback from them.

Employee Benefits: The committee reviewed the proposed changes to the personal leave section, specifically the breakdown on years of employment for amount of personal leave time. Katie moved to approve changes made to the personal leave time. Chris seconded. Motion passed.

New Committees: Tom requested that two new committee be created for the following topics and the following board members on the committees. The first committee would be Principal Review Committee which would consist of Katie, Mike, Sarah, and Tom. The second committee will be a Tuition Committee which would consist of Chris, Tina, Sue, and Tom.

Old Business

Finalizing 2017-2018 Budget: The Executive Session covered this agenda item.

Next meeting – Wed., May 3rd at 5:15 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:02 p.m.
Closing prayer- led by Jim.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Gregerson