

SacredHeartArea School

BoardMeeting

Wednesday, August 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Jim Opelia. Fr. Joe Korf led the board in an opening prayer.

Those present were: Jim Opelia, Katie Noska, Michael Cole, Tom Brichacek, RoAnn Trout, Chris Perius, Fr. Joe, Deacon Douglas Liebsch and Tracey Kloeckl-Jiménez. Carol Lisson was unable to attend.

The agenda was reviewed by the Board. The agenda was approved. Motion made by Tom and seconded by Katie. Motion passed.

Notes from the June meeting were shared by Tracey Kloeckl-Jiménez. Minutes will be available for approval at our Sept. Board meeting

New Board Members and Introductions

The following parents have been elected by the parishes to be representatives on the SHAS Advisory Board:

St. Michael's Parish- Michael Cole

Sacred Heart Parish- Tom Brichacek

Sacred Heart Parish- Chris Perius

Election of Board Officer Positions

Principal Jim Opelia introduces the business of Board Officer Position nominations to the current Board.

Chair of the Board: A nomination was made for Katie Noska to be chair of the Board. Katie was voted to be Chair of the Board by 5/5 votes.

Vice Chair: A nomination was made for Tom Brichacek to be Vice Chair of the Board. Tom was voted to be Vice Chair by 5/5 votes.

Secretary: A nomination was made for Carol Lisson to be secretary of the Board. Carol was not present to accept or deny the nomination. Election of the secretary will be tabled until the Sept. meeting. Tracey agreed to continue to serve as secretary in the interim and is also willing to continue in the role for the coming year.

Parochial School Report

Recent Happenings:

New teachers We are excited to have Ms. Emily Malone for our preschool teacher this year. Over the summer our **newly hired kindergarten** teacher regrettably announced that she **will not be able to fulfill her contract** for the upcoming school year. This was a disappointment, but we have moved forward. Since then we posted the vacancy online, in the bulletin, and in the paper. We are continuing to interview kindergarten teacher candidates, with one today and one scheduled tomorrow. The candidates were slow coming in, but have recently responded.

Playground Improvements are scheduled to be completed by Saturday, August 8th. These improvements were made possible by many of you in the community, parents, parishioners, alumni, etc.... The plan for improvements were in large part based on input from those of you who filled out the playground surveys or have shared your thoughts and concerns through the years. This phase of improvements will include; the **removal of all sand on both playgrounds to be replaced with pea gravel**, the **creation of green spaces** with black dirt and sod, and the **increased fill of appropriate gravel in the parking area** of the playground proper. We will likely see new furnishings (tables, benches, recycling receptacles, etc....) by the beginning of the school year as well.

The front interior entrance doors are in the process of being refinished.

Back to school informational and registration forms were mailed out the last week of July.

UpcomingSchoolEvents:

\$10,000 Raffle tickets are available (school and church offices and after weekend masses) as well. We need help selling these! We have not quite 100 sold so far. Over 150 to go! Please spread the word with your friend and family. Let us know if you would like to help sell these after any of the weekend masses, or to the general public.

SHAS will have a float again this year in the Railroad Days parade. Families will be invited to have their children ride the float.

The Garage Sale will be held August 21, 22, and 23 over the railroad day celebrations. Donations are coming in abundance. Garage sale workers are scheduled to start work next week, but have already been working this week.

Diocesan Ministry Day will be held August 31st in St. Cloud. All Sacred Heart Staff will attend. Several professional development sessions will be available, as well as keynote speaker, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, President of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Mass with Bishop Kettler.

SHAS Back to School In-service is scheduled for September 2nd and 3rd

Back to School Open house/Potluck Picnic will be held Sept. 3rd at 6 p.m.

The First Day of School is September 8th.

CommitteeReports:

Jim Opelia shared Committee expectations with the Board Members.

Fundraising–

Katie reported that we are once again selling the **\$10,000 raffle tickets** at \$100 apiece. Katie will sell after this Sunday's Sacred Heart Service. RoAnn agreed to sell after this Sunday's St. Michael service. Other Board members are also encouraged to try and sell tickets in the coming two weeks, as we still have over half of the 250 tickets left to sell! The \$10,000 raffle will be held on Sunday, August 23rd. Other fundraisers to take place this year include our service-a-thon, Carnival and the Spring Fling.

Tracey asked if we could **get Sacred Heart Area School added to the Give to the Max- Minnesota Campaign**. Jim Opelia said that he would look into getting that done before the November event. Carol L. and Katie N. were appointed to be Committee Liaison for the coming year.

Budget and Finance – No report this month. Tom B. and Chris P. were appointed to be Committee Liaison for the coming year.

Personal and Human Resources–No report this month. Michael C. and Tracey K-J were appointed as Committee Liaison for the coming year.

Curriculum and Technology– No report this month. Michael C. and Chris P. were appointed to be Committee Liaison for the coming year.

PR and Marketing–Katie will call Dawn Timbs about **fundraiser games/ location @ the Chili Cook-Off**. Board members encouraged Jim Opelia to have a school presence at the **Railroad Days Leader Pig Races**, which will be held in the SHAS parking lot on Saturday, Aug. 22. Jim will look into having popcorn and refreshments available to sell. Tracey volunteered to have a table available with raffle tickets and brochures/information about the school. Tom B. and Tracey K-J were appointed to be Committee Liaison for the coming year.

Tracey K-J and Chris P. will look into the availability of a list of families in the area who are homeschooling their children in order that we might share information about the school with them.

Tom moved that all new appointments to committee liaisons be accepted. Chris P. seconded. The Board approved all new committee liaison assignments for the coming year.

OldBusiness

Playground The Board was updated on the progress of the playground. (See parochial school report.) Katie added that some finishing touches (planting of trees, shrubs, etc.) would be ongoing throughout the coming year. Donations of trees and shrubs will be pursued. Chris P. suggested that we coordinated the planting efforts to correspond with our service-a-thon in October. Tracey suggested we take some photos of the students on the playground when the project is complete and create thank you cards to send to those who contributed to the project.

NewBusiness

BoardDirectory- Jim asked Boardmemberstoreviewthe directory andtoadvisehim of any changesthatneededto be made.

New MemberOrientation –Jimgivesa brief explanationof board member responsibilities and roles.

Goals for this coming year:

- Principal Jim Opelia suggested that we make the **continued implementation of the Marzano Instructional Framework** one of our goals for the coming year.
- He also suggested **ongoing academic improvement** as a second goal area in preparation of our upcoming accreditation.
- Tracey suggested that we also focus on **increasing enrollment** in the coming year.
- Tracey also suggested we try and incorporate **at least one new academic enrichment area** in the coming year, with Spanish language classes (upper grades) and Montessori Hands-on science (all grades) as two possible suggestions.

Goal areas will need to be revisited at our September meeting in order that they can be refined and approved.

The next SHAS Board meeting will be Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 5pm.

→A photo of the SHAS board will be taken at that meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:25 p.m.-by Katie Noska.

Closingprayer- lead by Fr. Joe.