

**Sacred Heart Area School
Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 7, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Tom Brichacek and the opening prayer was led by Father Joe.

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

Chairperson Tom Brichacek called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

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

The minutes from the November 2nd meeting were reviewed. Father Joe moved to accept the minutes. Chris seconded. Approved.

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

Recent Happenings

Parent Teacher Conferences – Were held on November 10th after school until 8:30pm. We had an excellent turnout as usual with nearly 100% of parents visiting with teachers on or around this date.

Veterans Day Program - This took place on November 11th at 10:00 am. This year was SHAS's best turn out yet for the annual event. Students honored veterans in song, words, and actions. This year's guest speaker was Jim Opelia with a few memories from his time in the US Air Force and a message of how service people make sacrifices, living away from family and in various living conditions, including dangerous and deadly for some.

The Unusual Fall - With several school days off for teacher's in-services, has past. Students and staff are back to consistency and regular 5-day school weeks. We were able to take advantage of several days of professional development time, focusing on new teaching strategies and MNSAA accreditation renewal tasks.

First Snow Day of the Year - On November 18th there was very justified as travel conditions were extremely bad with wind, sloppy roads, ice, and heavy snowfall (10 inches average).

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). This year we will develop a SSP for the next 7 years.

Confessions - For grades 3-5 will be held after Mass on December 16th.

Christmas Around the World - This is attentively scheduled for December 15th. For part of the day, foreign exchange students from Staples Motley High School will share Christmas traditions from their homeland countries with SHAS students. This will be coordinated by Dianne Japke.

The SHAS Christmas Program- Is scheduled for December 21st with afternoon and evening performances. At 1:30pm "Twinkle and the All-Star Bank" (1st –5th grades), and 6:30pm "Lead the Way" (preschool-Kindergarten followed by the evening showing of "Twinkle and the All-Star Bank".

Christmas Vacation – Begins December 22nd at 12:05pm. Classes will resume at SHAS on January 4th, 2017.

Catholic Schools Week – Will kick-off with Masses at Sacred Heart on January 28th and at St. Michael's on January 29th. The week will be full of the usual fun themes, activities, and Wednesday night dance.

SHAS Carnival – Scheduled for February 5th.

Committee Reports

Fundraising Committee: Tina said there was some discussion at the last carnival meeting about changing the raffle to be part of Spring Blast. It has been difficult to get raffle prizes for the carnival due to businesses getting asked for donations for the carnival, Spring Blast, and the church raffle. If the raffle would be moved to be part of Spring Blast, part of the carnival committee would help with Spring Blast.

Budget/Finance: This committee didn't meet this month.

Personnel/Human Resources: There isn't anything to report at this time.

PR Mktg. / Development: There isn't anything to report at this time.

Curriculum: There isn't anything to report at this time.

Old Business

School Strategic Plan: The committee split up into two groups and worked on objective 3 and 4. Please see attached email from Jim. The teachers have been working on this as well. We need to have the Strategic Plan completed by Jan. 30, 2017.

New Business

School Calendar Update: The school will mail out revised calendars to all the families.

Teacher Evaluation Forms: This has been changed and updated. The teachers will use the revised form this year which is according to the Morzano practices.

Next meeting - Wed., Jan. 4th at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Closing prayer- led by Father Joe.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Gregerson