

**Sacred Heart Area School**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 3, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Katie Noska, and the opening prayer was led by Jim Opelia. Those present were Jim Opelia, Tom Brichacek, Michael Cole, Tracey Kloeckl-Jiménez, Carol Lisson, Katie Noska, Chris Perius, and RoAnn Trout. Fr. Joe Korf was on break in Florida. Agenda was approved. Minutes were approved.

**Parochial School Report**

**Recent Happenings:**

**Marzano Training** – continues for the faculty on early-outs and designated PLC times throughout the year.

**Catholic Schools Week Kick off Masses** The SHAS 4-5 grade students hosted a spaghetti dinner after the 5 pm Mass on January 30<sup>th</sup> at SH and a pancake breakfast after 10:30am Mass on January raising funds toward their spring fieldtrip to the state capitol and science museum. Approximately \$800 was raised.

**Catholic Schools Week** continues with fun themed days and activities each day. Including fun games and rainbow day on Monday, Capture the Kryptonite game and mismatch day on Tuesday, and science lyceum and super hero day with Jerry Wenzel today. The dance will be tonight at 6pm. Thursday is hat day with a spelling bee, and Friday is super hero movie day.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Carnival - The SHAS carnival** will be held February 7<sup>th</sup> with fun, food, and games from 9:30-1:30. The raffle drawing will begin at 1:30pm

**Fish Fries** – SHAS will again have fish fries starting February 12<sup>th</sup> and continuing each Friday until March 18<sup>th</sup>.

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**I Love to Read Month** will be celebrated again this year from the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February – the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March concluding with Dr. Seuss Week. There will be various incentives and fun approaches to reading for the students during this month. The goal is to create lifelong readers.

**Fundraising Report** (Carol L. and Katie N.):

There was a Spring Blast Planning meeting recently, and they determined the theme to be *Back to the 80s*. The Carnival Committee is doing extremely well and has things ready to go for this coming weekend. **Fish Fry Fridays** will take place this year from Friday, Feb. 12 through Lent. It will NOT be held on Good Friday.

**Budget and Finance** (Tom B. and Chris P.) The Committee met with the Parish Council and expressed a need for increased support from the parish. The church council approved a \$3000 subsidy increase for the coming school year.

The SHAS advisory board took this opportunity to have us look at the proposed School budget for the coming school year. The budget was approved.

Jim Opelia also shared the proposed Tuition Increase and Enrollment form with the board. For a family with 1 student enrolled, the tuition increases by \$25 from \$1,725 to \$1,750. For a family with 2 students enrolled, the tuition increases by \$75 from \$2,575 to \$2,650. For a family with 3 students enrolled, the tuitions increases \$150 from \$3,050 to \$3,200. For preschool enrollment, the Budget and Finance Committee proposed a \$1/day increase from \$21.00 or \$23.00 per day to \$22.00 or \$24.00 per day respectively. Tom moved to approve these tuition and enrollment increases. Michael seconded. Approved.

**Personnel and Human Resources** (Michael C. and Tracey K-J) No report.

**PR/Mktg./Dev.** (Tom B. and Tracey K-J) No report.

**Curriculum/ Technology** (Chris P. and Michael C) 1) The Curriculum committee is working with Parent Aware to get the preschool program rated. There has been an effort made to explore different preschool curriculums including one called "Creative Curriculum" and another which is possibly a precursor to *Handwriting without Tears* called *Get Set for School*. Jim Opelia mentioned the following three which are being investigated: *Splash, Creative and OWL*.

2) The committee is working to support the teachers to continue to utilize the Marzano Framework for Learning, and 3) the committee looked at the OLPA scores (which serve as a practice test for the MCA). They were able to identify some areas to focus on as per that data.

**Old Business**

Jim Opelia shared some insight into the 2016-2017 Teacher Assignments. The Advisory Board discussed at length how to support teachers who desire to enhance their training and/or degree. We have one instructor who is currently serving in a long-term substitute position. It is a mutual decision that her instruction at the school is a benefit to all and should be supported.

Jim Opelia shared a new salary schedule which has a \$500 increase built into all of the steps.

Tracey moved to accept the salary schedule as proposed. Tom seconded. Approved.

The SHAS Advisory Board will stay involved in the Public School District's investigation of a restructuring of the grades within the district to K-3 in Staples, 4-7 in Motley and 8-12 in Staples, as this has important implications for our school. The board will discuss our options at the next board meeting.

The next SHAS Advisory Board meeting will be on *Thursday*, March 3, 2016.

Jim Opelia led the group in a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. in anticipation of a 6 p.m. Catholic Schools Week Dance (6-8 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Kloeckl-Jiménez