

**Sacred Heart Area School  
Board Meeting  
Wednesday, January 7, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by John Reese and the opening prayer was led by SHAS Principal Jim Opelia. Those present were Jim Opelia, John Reese, RoAnn Trout, Carol Lisson, Tracey Kloeckl-Jiménez, Katie Noska, Elizabeth Mathews and Linus Koval.

Chairperson John Reese called the meeting to order.

Meeting agenda was approved.

Minutes from the December 3, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Katie moved to accept the minutes. Linus seconded. December minutes were approved.

### **Recent Happenings**

**Advent** The students and staff at SHAS celebrated Advent throughout the month of December, as a whole school and in classrooms to prepare our hearts for Christmas, through activities, prayer and reflection.

**Food Drive** - Ms. Jonckowski and the Kindergarteners hosted a drive for food shelf donations in December. All school families were asked to participate.

**iPads for SHAS** – the iPads that SHAS ordered arrived last month and are in the teachers' hands to use. The staff had an iPad training session on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 during the scheduled early-out with Tim Welch, the IT man for the St. Cloud Diocese.

**The SHAS Craft Fair** was held Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**SHAS Christmas Program** - The SHAS Christmas program was held December 17<sup>th</sup>. Our Preschoolers and kindergarteners performed "Christmas All Around", while grades 1-5 performed, "Super Gift from Heaven". Both performances were brilliant, bringing the true meaning of Christmas to all in attendance.

**The "Dollar a Day" Centennial Fund Drive** for the improvement of school grounds and playgrounds was concluded this past month. The cans will continue to be collected through the month of January.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Marzano Training** - The Sacred Heart Area School teachers continue their work on the theories and practices of Dr. Robert J. Marzano's "Art and Science of Teaching". Classroom teachers are posting daily learning targets in grades 1-5 in classrooms, discussing with them what their objective for the day is, as well as posting scales for students to reflect on what level of learning they are at. Teachers refer to the scales throughout the day, continually making students self-aware of their learning, and encouraging higher level thinking. The Marzano training and implementation will provide a great deal of accountability for teachers and students to perform at higher levels and continually grow as individuals and a school.

**Christ the King School will be hosting a Luke Spehar Concert** on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 for SHAS students, as well as St Mary's of Long Prairie and St. Henry's of Perham. K-5 students will go by bus to this event with their teachers. The concert should last about an hour in the church.

**Catholic Schools Week (CSW)** will be observed across the nation January 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Throughout CSW we will celebrate who we are as a Catholic school through community outreach and fun events, including a community dance January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**The SHAS Carnival** will be held February 1<sup>st</sup>. All are welcome!

### **Fundraising Report**

- 1) Katie Noska has drafted a letter and will send out to those individuals/families who accepted the Centennial Year fundraising (Dollar-a-Day) fundraising cans. Individuals/Families will be encouraged to return their cans by the end of January.
- 2) The fish fry dinners will be held again this year during the 6 weeks of Lent. (Friday, Feb. 20 – Friday, March 27).
- 3) Katie Noska will speak with Jan Tyrell about moving our SHAS coffee and doughnut Sundays to months during the school year (as it has proven difficult to recruit family assistance during the summer months).

### **Budget and Finance**

Budget and Finance committee will meet on *Jan. 15, 2015* to discuss the pay scale for next year.

### **Personnel and Human Resources**

Committee members Elizabeth and Tracey meet with teachers this coming *Friday, January 9* at the end of their early-release staff development time.

### **PR/ Marketing**

Katie and Tracey will meet with Jim right after this meeting to discuss further Public Relations and Marketing initiatives.

### **Curriculum/ Technology**

This committee will meet on *January 20 at 4 p.m.* after Budget and Finance has had a chance to meet.

### **Old Business**

- 1) A playground committee will be formed, so that planning can begin on what to do with the Centennial Dollar-a-Day proceeds. Volunteers to serve on the committee will be recruited from school staff, parents, alumni and parish members.
- 2) Policy updates to the SHAS Employee Handbook as per last month's minutes were approved pending approval of Fr. Joe Korf (who was unable to be at the meeting due to a conflict).

### **New Business**

Sheila Becker and Sarah Hoemberg will head up the Spring Blast committee. They will be meeting Jan. 13 at 5 p.m.

**Next meeting** - Wed., February 4, 2015 at 5 p.m.

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:10 p.m.** - by John Reese. Motion made by Carol and seconded by Linus.

**Closing prayer**- led by Jim Opelia.