

**Sacred Heart Area School
Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 4, 2017**

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 5:15pm.

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

The minutes from the December 7th meeting were reviewed. Katie moved to accept the minutes.

Michael seconded. Approved.

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

Recent Happenings

Christmas Around the World was December 15th. On this day, our district's foreign exchange students, shared the experience of Christmas celebrations and life in their homeland's. Traditional food/treats were provided for the children and games were played. These guest students also stayed for lunch, mingling with the children. The students and staff learned a great deal about our friendly neighbors from various corners of the world, including guests from, Venezuela, Brazil, Czech Republic, Kyrgyzstan, and Spain. Thank you Dianne Japke and Mary Dukowitz for hosting this event.

To Love and Serve - The students of SHAS hosted two community service projects which all school families were invited to participate in last month: Mrs. Koetter's preschool class hosted a food drive at SHAS. Each class had their own food donation box set outside their classroom, along with a Christmas tree on the wall. For every 10 items brought in to their box, the class puts another ornament on the tree. Over 500 pounds of food products and \$272 of cash were donated to the Staples Area Food Shelf. Mrs. Przybilla's 4th grade class hosted a "Christmas Cards for Soldiers" drive to bring Christmas cheer to those serving far away from family this holiday season. These projects helped teach our children the service of charity. Thank you, boys, and girls for helping build the Kingdom! Your good will is catchy.

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

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

Carnival Raffle Tickets were distributed on Thursday December 22nd to be sold over Christmas break.

Christmas Vacation began December 22nd at 12:05pm. Classes resumed at SHAS on January 4th.

Upcoming Events

NWEA Winter Testing will take place the weeks of January 16th and 23rd.

Catholic Schools Week will kick-off with Masses at Sacred Heart on January 28th and at St. Michael's on January 29th. The 4th and 5th graders will host a spaghetti dinner after Mass at Sacred Heart and a pancake

breakfast after Mass at St. Michael's. The week will be full of the usual fun themes, activities, and Wednesday night dance.

SHAS Carnival will be held February 5th to the fishing / ocean theme of Hooked on Jesus.

The SHAS fish fries will start on Friday March 3rd.

MNSSA Deadline for mailing SSP and Self Study to team members

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.

Committee Reports

Fundraising Committee: The fish fry committee is planning a meeting next month.

Budget/Finance: This committee didn't meet this month. Next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 2, 2017 at 5:15 pm.

Personnel/Human Resources: There isn't anything to report at this time. Next meeting scheduled for January 10, 2017 at 3:30 pm.

PR Mktg. / Development: There isn't anything to report at this time. Next meeting scheduled for January 17, 2017 at 5:30 pm.

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. We need to have the Strategic Plan completed by Jan. 30, 2017.

New Business

Handbook Policy Updates: There was an addition regarding criminal background checks to the employee handbook. The addition was, "Criminal background checks will be conducted on all employees at their time of hire and all volunteers at their time of start, and every 5 years thereafter." Katie moved to approve the addition to the employee handbook. Sarah seconded. Motion passed.

Set Committee Meeting Dates and Start Time: The official start time for each school advisory meeting is 5:15 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2017. The March meeting has been moved to March 2, due to Ash Wednesday on March 1st.

Next meeting - Wed., Feb. 1st at 5:15 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:44 p.m.
Closing prayer- led by Father Joe.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Gregerson