

**Sacred Heart Area School  
Board Meeting  
Wednesday, March 2, 2017**

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

Absent: RoAnn Trout

Chairperson Tom called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm.

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

The minutes from the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting were reviewed. Katie moved to accept the minutes. Chris seconded. Approved.

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

**Recent Happenings**

**SHAS Carnival** was held February 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am – 1:00pm. This was our most successful carnival in years. We had a great attendance and raffle ticket sales passed the \$17,000 mark.

**I Love to Read Month** - was celebrated again this year throughout February – this 1<sup>st</sup> week of March (Dr. Seuss Week). There was various incentives and fun approaches to reading for the students during this month. Our goal is to create lifelong readers.

**Spring Blast Preparations** are well underway. Several donations have come in and the committee has completed a lot of ground work on game/raffles, event mementos, etc... Our liquor license has been approved by the city as well. Bids went out to area caterers for the meal and we should be receiving responses back from them soon.

**The RoundUp Mailing** went out yesterday to all families in the district with children who will be preschool or kindergarten age next year.

**Upcoming Events**

**The SHAS fish fries** will start tomorrow, Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. A test run on fish frying will take place this evening.

**MNSSA Deadline** for mailing SSP and Self Study to team members is March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Preschool and Kindergarten Roundup** will take place March 21<sup>st</sup> in the form of an Open House, with pizza, and on March 22<sup>nd</sup> as a “Be a Student for a Day” option, where potential preschool student children can experience an actual classroom day from 9:00am-12:00pm. Next year’s kindergarten students, currently in our preschool, will go to Mrs. Becker’s kindergarten room at this time.

**MNSAA Team Visit:** The team is scheduled to visit SHAS on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Language Arts (LA)/Reading - Development of Scales Training and Workshop** will take place sometime in the second half of August 2017. Diocesan teachers and principals will gather to gain a better understanding of the LA standards and the development of LA scales.

**Pizza/Dance/Slumber Party** - On April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm, we will have a complimentary **pizza supper** made by Giovanni's Pizza. Your family is welcome! A **dance** and **slumber party** will immediately follow. All these fun treats are earned schoolwide incentive rewards for the students' success with the carnival raffle.

**SHAS Sprint into Summer 5K and Kids Fun Run** will take place Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>. Register early for a free tee-shirt. Last May 14<sup>th</sup>, SHAS had its 1<sup>st</sup> 5K Run and 1K for Kids. 47 people participated in the 5K including some SHAS students. About 24 children ran the 1K. Several participants ran / jogged more than usual in the preceding months leading up to the event, benefiting them a great deal. This run is undoubtedly a huge service toward better health and wellness for our community.

### **Committee Reports**

**Fundraising Committee:** Carnival went well. The spring blast committee is going well. The fish fry starts tomorrow, 3/3/2017.

**Budget/Finance:** See New Business

**Personnel/Human Resources:** There have been a few issues. Those items have been addressed and fixed.

**PR Mktg. / Development:** See New Business

**Curriculum:** The winter NWEA test scores were reviewed. They noticed that some of the scores have dropped in some classes. We are not sure if this was due to the computers not working right or if the students are not taking the test seriously. We talked about having prep rallies to inform the students about how important the tests are.

### **New Business**

**Welcome/ Mentor Parents:** In April we will introduce Welcoming/ Mentoring Family for SHAS. We are looking for families to volunteer to mentor "New families" to SHAS. The mentor families would be available for questions, give pointers as to what to expect, dress attire, and over all school instructions. Katie moved to approve the Welcome/ Mentor family. Mike seconded. Motion passed.

**2016-2017 Spring Survey:** The PR marketing and development committee has put a 2016-2017 school survey together to get feedback from parents. The survey was reviewed and a few additions and corrections were made.

**2017-2018 Salary Schedules:** The budget committee met and approved a 3% increase for the teachers. There was some discussion to do some research next year to compare salaries to other Catholic schools. Chris moved to approve the 3% increase. Katie seconded. Motion passed.

**2017-2018 Pre-Registration/ Tuition:** 2017 -2018 enrollment forms have been prepared with the approved increase in tuition. Katie moved to approve the increase tuition rates and the enrollment forms for 2017-2018 year. Mike seconded. Motion passed.

**2017-2018 Budget:** The budget committee reviewed the profit and loss budget overview. The committee was asked to look over the budget and have questions for next month's meeting.

#### **Old Business**

**Finalize and Approve SSP:** Committee finalized the SSP. Katie moved to approve the SSP. Chris seconded. Motion passed.

**Strengths and Challenges Standard 5:** Committee reviewed the MNSAA that Jim previously emailed out to committee with additions and corrections.

#### **Next meeting – Wed., April 5 at 5:15 p.m.**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:33 p.m.  
Closing prayer- led by Father Joe.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sarah Gregerson