

**Sacred Heart Area School
Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 4, 2016**

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

Chairperson Katie Noska called the meeting to order.

Meeting agenda was viewed. Fr. Joe proposed that we include nomination of new members under New Business. Chris moved to accept the agenda. Carol seconded. Approved.

There were no minutes from the April 6 meeting, as Tracey was absent. Does Tom Brichacek have them?

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

Recent Happenings

Marzano Training - continues for the faculty on early-outs and designated PLC times throughout the year. Recently, teachers have been working on curriculum mapping in Math, to better focus more time on materials in the standards, reaching the highest levels of achievement and spending less time with material that is not in the standards. We hope to have math mapped out by the end of the year.

Family Appreciation Night/Sleepover On Friday, April 8th, in gratitude for the SHAS families' hard work throughout the year, the school hosted a family appreciation dinner, with complimentary pizza made by Giovanni's Pizza. The dance and slumber party immediately followed, as rewards for the students' success with the carnival raffle. The last of the "Late Nighters" finally fell to sleep about 3:30am. Several board games were played along with several movies watched. Parents picked up their children by 7:00am.

Jim Gone - Jim was on a MNSAA Team Visit to St. Bernard's of Thief River Falls on April 19th and 20th. This was a great opportunity for him to see what to expect from next year's team visit to SHAS. On Thursday April 21st, Jim had a Marzano training in Sartell.

SHAS First Communion was held April 30th at 5pm for SHAS and SE students at Sacred Heart Church. St. Michael's First Communion was held on May 1st.

AAA (Triple A) and Scholastic Book Fair is taking place this 1st week of May, with performances tonight.

Upcoming Events

Spring Blast, "Back to the 80s" will be held May 7th at the school with social hour from 5-6pm, dinner from 6-7pm, and silent and live auctions from 7pm until completed.

Benedictine fieldtrip for 5th graders of the diocese on May 10th

Confirmation for high school students of local parishes will be held May 12th at Sacred Heart Church at 7pm.

5K Run: May 14th at 9:30am, SHAS will be hosting its 1st annual 5K (5 kilometers) run. A children's 1K will follow. This event is a great opportunity to help all of us work toward improved fitness, and to promote our school in the community.

Upcoming Fieldtrips: On May 16th the 1st-5th grade students of SHAS will be taking a field trip to Duluth, MN. Students will be taking the "Fish and Ships Tour, visiting the Great Lakes Aquarium and taking a 90 minute long Vista Fleet Cruise of the Duluth area. In addition, students will have a class on either great lakes wildlife, or geology. This trip will (approximately) begin with an 8:15am departure and end with a return to the school at 6:00pm. On May 24th the pre-schoolers and kindergarteners will visit Brainerd's new Safari North Zoo. This will be accomplished during the school day.

Graduations: 5th Grade Graduation will take place on May 19th with an 8:30am Mass followed by a short program in the school gym. Kindergarten Graduation will take place May 20th at 2:30pm in the school gym.

The Last Day of School is scheduled for May 27th as a half day of school. This was changed from the original June 2nd.

Committee Reports

Fundraising Committee: The Spring Blast is coming together well. So far more than 220 tickets have been sold. This event *Back to the 80s* will take place on Saturday, May 7, 2016.

Budget/Finance: This committee met the last week in April. They will have a better idea after the completion of the Spring Blast this year where we stand financially. Tuition revenue will be down next year with smaller preschool classes.

Personnel/Human Resources: Principal Jim Opelia will be interviewing for Preschool Lead Teacher Candidates, as Emily Malone will no longer be with Sacred Heart Area School.

PR Mktg./ Development: No report this month

Curriculum: Work is currently being done on updating the Pre-School Curriculum. SHAS will be subsidizing 50% of the cost for the summer *Bridge* Curriculum. Families will be encouraged to contribute \$5 for the cost of the book and to work with their children during the summer to complete this curriculum.

Old Business

Playground: Plants have been planted. We are waiting for the completion of the sprinkling system before we can proceed with the sod. At the beginning of June, parents and staff will be raking, laying sod, and putting our new picnic tables together on the playground.

New Business

2016-2017 School Calendar: The advisory board took a look at the draft 2016-17 SHAS School Calendar. The board and Fr. Joe tentatively set First Communion on April 29, 2017 and the Spring Blast on May 6, 2017. Tracey moved to accept the calendar. Tom seconded. Approved

Advisory Board Self-Evaluation: Advisory Board members were encouraged to complete the self-evaluation tool by Wed., May 18. The Board will look at the results at the June meeting.

New SHAS Advisory Board Members: The terms of Katie Noska and Tracey Kloeckl-Jiménez expire at the end of this year. The Board proposed that we seek candidates to fill these positions in the coming weeks.

There was additional discussion on the need to get more non-parish parents involved in the parental advisory role which the SHAS board offers. This is important because we have non-parish families faithfully contribute so regularly to the school's fundraising efforts. **A committee will look at the constitution (and amend if necessary) to allow for at least one ex-officio non-parish Parent Representative on the SHAS Advisory Board for the coming year.**

The board wrapped up business in order the Principal Jim Opelia could facilitate the AAA Parent Appreciation night program at the school, which was scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

Next meeting - Wed., June 1 at 5 p.m.

There will be no meetings during the month of July.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:50 p.m. - by Katie Noska.

Closing prayer- led by Fr. Joe Korf.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracey Kloeckl-Jiménez