

**Sacred Heart Area School
Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 7, 2016**

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, Michael Cole, Chris Perius, Tom Brichacek, Susan Storry, Michael Cole, Father Joe, RoAnn Trout, and Sarah Gregerson.

Vice-Chairperson Chris Perius called the meeting to order.

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

The minutes from the August 10 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

A New School Year - The first day of school was this past Monday, September 6th. Everything went surprisingly well. We have 26 preschool students and 4 new K-5 students bringing us to a total of 89 students (including Preschool).

A New Schedule – The students have a few changes in their daily scheduled. The K-5th grade students now go to specials classes (PE, music, and art) every day from 11:15 am – 12:15pm, opposed to last year leaving at 12:35 – 1:35 pm. This changes lunch time to 12:15pm, with recess following until 1:10pm. Teachers and students are also being dismissed at 3:15pm, versus 3:05 pm last year. This is due to new bussing scheduling, due to the District 2170's restart.

New 2016-17 Preschool Teacher – Mrs. Ann Koetter of Swanville, MN. She is doing a fine job, and we are excited to have her on our team.

The K of C \$10,000 Raffle: Thank you everyone for supporting our school. This raffle raised \$11,200 for the school. This year's lucky winners were: \$500 Al & Carol Lisson, \$500 Rich & Stephanie Japke, \$500 Jerel & Penny Nelson, \$1,000 Sandy Robben, and \$10,000 to Giles Korf.

The Railroad Days Garage Sale: Thank you to our parishioners who have worked so hard the past due weeks on the garage sale, organizing, setting up, advertising, feeding workers, and donating items. This event was once again a huge success, raising approximately \$10,500 for the school. Special thanks to Jan Tyrrell and Marge Meyers for their leadership, for without it, the sale would not have been.

Back to School Potluck: The potluck took place on September 1st at 6:00pm with a new parent orientation at 5:30pm. We had a nice turnout with nice turnout with a chance for some back to a new schoolyear fellowship with delicious food brought in for the potluck.

Teacher Workshop Dates: Was held on August 31st and September 1st from 8am to 3pm, allowing time for the staff to envision the goals of the New Year, received critical annual trainings, and regroup in old and new friendships.

Upcoming Events

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.

Grandparents Day: Scheduled for September 29th.

Scholastic Book Fair: Scheduled for the week of September 26 thru the 30th.

District-wide Evacuation Drill: Scheduled for September 23rd.

Committee Reports

Fundraising Committee: Katie Noska, Sarah Gregerson, and Susan Storry are assigned to this committee. There hasn't been any meeting to report on.

Budget/Finance: Sarah Gregerson and Tom Brichacek are assigned to this committee. This committee will start meeting in September.

Personnel/Human Resources: Michael Cole and Katie Noska are assigned to this committee. There hasn't been any meeting to report on.

PR Mktg./ Development: Susan Storry and Tom Brichacek are assigned to this committee. This committee will start meeting in October.

Curriculum: Chris Perius and Michael Cole are assigned to this committee. There hasn't been any meeting to report on.

Old Business

Update Board Member Directory: Jim handed out a directory of the board members to make sure the information is up to date, if there is any corrections please let Jim know.

New Business

Approved Student Handbooks: This was emailed up for approval for the changes made. Chris moved to accept the approve the changes made to the student handbook. Katie seconded. Approved.

Approved Employee Handbooks: This was emailed up for approval for the changes made. Katie moved to accept the approval of changes made to the employee handbook. Chris seconded. Approved.

New Member Orientation/ Ex Officio Parent Rep Letter: 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. The committee is allowing for at least one ex-officio non-parish Parent Representative on the SHAS Advisory Board for the coming year. This position is a non-voting member. This next week there will be a letter sent out to ask for nominations for this position during the month of September. At the end of September we will have voting take place for parents to vote on which parent representative to serve as ex officio parent representative.

Set Goals for the Year: Start thinking of goals for the year for our next meeting. One goal that was discussed was to have Mentor families for new families that start with SHAS so they have someone to go to and ask questions. Another goal that was discussed was the board to put on a teacher appreciation dinner. Please continue to brainstorm for additional goals.

Next meeting - Wed., Oct. 5 at 5 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:23 p.m. - by Katie Noska.
Closing prayer- led by Father Joe.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Gregerson