**ST. KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**
**BEAVER DAM, WISCONSIN**
**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES-**

**February 18, 2014**

**Members Present**: Barb Haase, Dave Kalscheur, Fr. Mike, Jill Kaufmann, Tracy Gundert & Beth Jens.

**Absent**: Heather Eggers, Jenny Merrill, Debbie Hankes, Tricia Cargen, Jennifer Bohlig, Hector Ramirez, Rob Jens

**I. Call to Order/Opening Prayer**

a. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.; Fr. Mike offered prayer.

**II. Board President Opening Statement/Introduction of Guests:**

a. Ms. Judy Wilson, SKDS Technology Staff

**III. Review and approval of previous meeting's minutes:**

a. Approved by Dave Kalscheur; Seconded by Tracy Gundert

**IV. Audience comments/Eyes and Ears**

a. Everyone had fun with the combined Catholic Schools-Olympics theme for Catholic Schools Week.
b. Father Mike was pleased with Mass participation during the opening weekend of Catholic Schools Week.
c. Chili Luncheon went over very well. Only 2 people toured the school.
d. The 8th graders have been raving about their NET retreat. There were 58 kids here; several other Catholic Schools from Districts 6/7 (Dodge and Washington Counties) joined us.
e. The school kids enjoyed the movie "Cool Runnings" during Catholic Schools Week.
f. The speaker, Mark Van Guilder of the Milwaukee Admirals, was a hit with the kids. He had a great message about the importance of Faith in your life and making time for Mass.
g. The Mayor Tom Kennedy joined the students at Mass following Catholic Schools Week. The timing was perfect since the Gospel was about leadership.

**V. Correspondence**

a. Father Bergen and Sister Toni have sent notes thanking the students for the letters they wrote during Catholic Schools Week.

VI. **Pastor's Report**

a. Reflection follow up
    a. Father Mike is working on engaging families to come to Mass on weekends. He is in the process of drafting our first reflection questionnaire. He is thinking about also doing a child's reflection sheet (which would go to the teachers). The adult sheet would go back to the evangelization committee.
    b. The information gathered will be compiled and shared with everyone.

**VII. Administrator's Report**

a. School Choice
    a. Brenda White will be here April 1 for a joint Parish Council, School Board and Home & School presentation on School Choice.
    b. Reviewed a list of "Wisconsin Parent Choice Program Frequently Asked Questions" regarding School Choice (copies will be sent home to School Board members not able to be at the meeting).
b. Internet Safety Policy

        a. ERATE Internet Safety states we have to have a policy in our family handbook since we receive ERATE funding. Copies of the proposed policy will be going home in our Family Folders. Our block/security is in bold on the second page. Beginning next year, this will be part of our handbook.
        b. School Board reviewed the drafted policy and will vote on adopting it at our March meeting.
    c. Tuition Contract Changes
        a. There will be major changes in the school contract timing for next year. Contracts will be sent out Mid June and due by July 1. The first tuition payment will be August 1 no matter the payment plan selected.
        b. This change should help in determining commitment and who will be attending in the fall.
    d. Tuition Assistance Program
        a. Due to the contract changes, tuition assistance paperwork will also need to go out sooner.
        b. Paperwork will be sent out mid-March and due April 22. Tuition Grant Letter Responses will be sent out by the end of May.
        c. The school will start putting info out to school families immediately to help make them aware of these upcoming changes.
    e. Catholic Schools Week
        a. Discussed in the Audience Comments/Eyes and Ears section of the meeting.
    f. Reviewed National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools.
        a. We can except Archdiocesan changes to accreditation to follow these benchmarks more closely.

**VIII. Break- None taken**

**IX. Committee Reports**

a. Scrip Committee
    i. No Report
b. Financial Report: Budget meetings in process
c. Advancement Committee
    i. No Report
d. Endowment
    i. The board has open positions. It would be a great benefit to have school families on this committee. If anyone is interested please contact Father Mike. Some responsibilities of the board members are: 1) determine financial assistance for the school 2) supervise the 2 investors 3) promotions to inform people 4) meet 4 times/year 5) work on planned giving.

**X. Parish Council Liaison Report November**

**XI. Old Business**

a. None

**XII. New Business**

a. None

**XIII. Adjournment Next Meeting**

a. Meeting was adjourned
b. Next meeting will be March 18, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.