ST. KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
BEAVER DAM, WI
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
May 20, 2014

Members Present: Barb Haase, Debbie Hankes, Tricia Cargen, Beth Jens and Parish Council Liaison- Mark Roedl

Absent: Dave Kalscheur, Heather Eggers, Jenny Merrill, Tracy Gundert, Jill Kaufmann, Jennifer Bohlig, Hector Ramirez, Rob Jens

I. Call to Order/Opening Prayer

a. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.; Hail Mary prayer offered by group.

II. Board President Opening Statement/Introduction of Guests:

a. None

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

a. Approved by Trish Cargen; Seconded by Mark Roedl and Beth Jens.

IV. Audience comments/Eyes and Ears

a. Miss Phipps did a great job preparing the second grade class for First Communion.
b. Positive feedback regarding parents getting the volleyball letter prior to students signing up.
c. First Communion and Confirmation went great.

V. Correspondence

a. None

VI. Pastor's Report

a. None

VII. Administrator's Report

a. End of the year

❶Extremely busy time of the year. A lot of upcoming class field trips. The yearbook is in the process of being completed. Awards were on Thursday.

❷Tuition is coming in. Notes have been sent out to anyone behind in their payments.

b. Graduation

❶Graduation is next Friday, May 30 at 7PM. The graduation reception is hosted by Home and School and the 7th grade families.

c. Field Day

❶Field Day is June 4. The day will begin with an all school Mass. Greg Tratar will be honored at this Mass. There will be a slide presentation at the end of the day as part of the concluding prayer for the year. This is the last day of school for the students.

d. School Board Elections

❶Four people have been nominated for three open positions on the board. School Board members will be reaching out to these nominees to see if they'd be interested in a position on the School Board.

e. Retirement

❶Greg Tratar's retirement party will be June 6 at Bayside. Invitations will be going out in the next few days. Faculty/Staff, School Board, Council, Parish Staff are all invited to attend. He is also invited to Mass on the last day of school so the students have an opportunity to show their appreciation for everything he's done for SKDS.

❷It was also mentioned that Greg's replacement is doing a really nice job.

f. Resignation

❶Brianna Knox has submitted her resignation due to a family move. We wish her the best.

g. Wisconsin Parental Choice Update (Please see below)

VIII. Break- None taken

IX. Wisconsin Parental Choice Update

a. Barb Haase presented information at the Parish Council meeting. 34 families applied for tuition assistance this year. 18 of these families would have qualified for the Parental Choice program based on requirements.
b. It was decided to move forward with data gathering, getting correct forms, etc. It was decided that a committee wasn't necessary as originally discussed.
c. Barb has received some good questions from families regarding the Wisconsin Parent Choice program.
d. Discussion included questions on funding, how it would be used, auditing fees for the program and the plan to focus on the younger grades at the start of the program. We want to be careful to keep a good mix in the classroom that will help us maintain our identity. Classes that have reached the 25 student limit would not apply for seats for this program.

X. Committee Reports

a. Scrip Committee
   i. No Report
b. Financial Report

   July 2013-April 2014 Budget vs. Actual reviewed
c. Advancement Committee
   i. Glitz
      a. Scheduled for November 1 at Old Hickory. "Save the Date" information will be going out this week.
      b. There was a lot of great feedback/suggestions from the survey.
      c. Trish is still finalizing menus, the DJ, and a few new ideas for this year's events.
d. Endowment
   i. No Report

XI. Parish Council Liaison Report May

a. Wisconsin Parental Choice program was discussed. The budget was reviewed. There is a shortfall due to less parishioner giving. There was also a Youth Ministry presentation and discussion.

XII. Old Business

a. None

XIII. New Business

a. None

XIV. Adjournment Next Meeting

a. Meeting was adjourned @ 8:14 p.m.
b. Next meeting will be June 17, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.