

St. Katharine Drexel Parish School

School Board Minutes

Tuesday, July 19, 2016 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm. In attendance was: Tricia Cargen, Deb Hankes, Jill Kaufmann, Barb Haase, Greg Steil, Heather Eggers, and Tracy Gundert.

Barb Haase led the group with an opening prayer, the Prayer of St. Francis.

There were no guests.

A motion to approve the June meeting minutes was made by Greg Steil and seconded by Heather Eggers.

Audience Comments/Eyes & Ears/Correspondence: The SKDS band parish and the float was really great at the 175th celebration parade. The Hispanic community dancers did a great job as well!

Various parishes in Dodge County are helping at the Dodge County Fair to promote the Catholic presence in Dodge County. If you would like to volunteer please contact Kristin Adsit.

Pastor's Report – No report.

Administrator's Report

- Barb gave everyone a short tour and update of the progress of the new fire alarm system being installed.
- Accreditation document – Barb shared the final written self-study document that was mailed to the Archdiocese. This document is a compilation of all information and input provided by everyone who has been part of the self-study.
- Beginning of School year – Three days of in-service August 23, 24, and 25. August 30 first day of classes, preceded by a welcome back open house on August 29. Jamie Jacobs is the new 4th grade teacher and was previously working at St. Mary's in West Bend. St. Mary, West Bend, closed at the end of the 2015/2016 school year.
- Showcasing SKDS: 175th & Dodge County Fair (along with parishes).
- Early Childhood issue – A complaint has been filed against the BDUSD by the Freedom from Religion Foundation because the parent of a preschool child needing services was told her child would need to receive those services at SKDS. The family didn't want to send their child to SKDS; the BDUS quickly resolved the issue and the child was enrolled at a different site in the public school. Though the issue was resolved the family lodged a complaint with the Freedom from Religion Foundation. SKDS is working closely with the BDUSD and the BDUSD lawyer to resolve the issue to continue the relationship with the BDUSD 4K program. Due to this complaint, there may be some language changes with the 4K program at SKDS.

Committee Reports

- Scrip – Father Mike will be asking a couple of people to talk at open house to talk about the electronic version of using script.
- Finance – the books closed June 30 so there is no update yet. Ordering is happening now for the new school year.
- Advancement – No update.

Parish Council Liaison Report/Update – Annual discernment for officers was held two weeks ago. Via the process the current board will stay in place for the upcoming year. Long term planning continues to move forward with the parking plans for the future. Parish and tri-parish meeting was held in June in Reeseville. Evangelism, supporting the mission, communication are the three joint parish goals. Combine people from each parish (leadership group) – promote the goals. From the school's perspective, we hope the new youth minister will be known to the kids at school so when they are high school age they will have developed a relationship already.

Old Business/New Business - none

A motion to adjourn was made by Greg Steil at 7:43 and seconded by Tracy Gundert. The next meeting will be held August 16, 2016 at 7:00pm.