St. Katharine Drexel Parish School Board
Beaver Dam, WI
School Board Minutes
August 20, 2013 7:00pm

Members Present: Barb Haase, Jill Kaufman, Debbie Hankes, Beth Jens, Rob Jens, Tricia Cargen, Jenny Merrill, Mark Roedl (Parish Liaison, via speaker phone)

Absent: Heather Eggers, Father Mike, Hector Ramirez, Dave Kalscheur

I. Call to order/Opening Prayer
   a. Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm and Barb Haase offered prayer.

II. Board President Opening Statement/Introduction of Guests:
   a. No guests

III. Review and approval of previous meeting's minutes:
   a. Approved by: _____

IV. Audience comments/Eyes and Ears
   a. Rob Jens reported that volleyball is off to a great start and that the new coach is giving the girls a run for their money! Participants are working hard, yet having a great time and learning a lot.

V. Correspondence
   a. None

VI. Pastor's Report
   a. None: Father Mike not present at meeting.

VII. Administrator's Report
   a. Introduction of new staff members

Patricia Phipps	2nd Grade
Cristal Davidson	Spanish for Grades: 6, 7, 8
	Part of the Middle School Language Arts: part-time
Lori Warmka	PE/Health
Estela Lopez	New food service assistant

   b. Start of school: In service for the next 3 days to prepare for student arrival (handout)
   c. Meeting the needs of all students through accommodations and providing professional development to staff is ongoing at SKDS. Faculty continually strives to better meet the needs of our students. Barb Kalscheur was hired on to offer assistance to students in need of extra help and attention in the upper grades. SKDS has a great support staff and group of people who truly care about the students. We are blessed with a number of retired and dedicated teachers who return annually to work with individuals and small groups of students in response to their needs.
      i. Kathy Armstrong and Debbie Rampanelli have Special Ed degrees
      ii. Cardinal Stritch offered a workshop which was attended by SKDS staff in the summer of 20122to focus on ways to better help students with special needs.
      iii. During the 2012-2013 school year, the entire SDKS faculty worked with Marian University in the area of Differentiated Instruction.
   d. SKDS will be implementing a new mathematics series that is common core aligned. During the 2012-2013 school year faculty attended a number of seminars and in-service opportunities provided by the Archdiocese focusing on math and the common core state standards. The Common Core State Standards are designed to prepare students for college and the work world. There is an emphasis on rigor and relevance. Students will still learn math but some of the skills will be learned earlier, there will be a greater depth of learning, they will need to apply what they learn to everyday life)

e. Soles for Education (handout): SKDS will be participating in this event along with all the schools in the Archdiocese. The goal of this walk-a- thon is to: increase visibility of and celebrate Catholic Schools, build community and raise money for tuition assistance. Any monetary donations raised by SKDS participants will stay with our school and go directly to helping provide for tuition assistance. We are also going to help "Stuff the Bus" with any gently used shoes which will be donated to our local Saint Vincent de Paul here in Beaver Dam.

f. Parish Festival:
   i. Tons of fun activities planned for all
   ii. Volunteers still needed
   iii. Sign up sheet is being sent out

g. First Day of School: August 26

h. Technology Committee is underway
   i. First meeting: September 9
   ii. Judy Wilson, SKDS IT personnel, is on the committee as well as other members from the school and parish community
   iii. This is a parish wide committee
   iv. Whole school building is now wireless
   v. School currently has 10 smart boards and needs to get 5 more
   vi. Rob Jens reported on new computer system currently used at Wayland that is highly effective. He will get more information to Barb Haase and Judy Wilson

i. Annual Report: (handout)
   i. Special events
   ii. Enrollment
   iii. More info on new math program
   iv. Volunteers for student support/volunteer tutors needed
   v. SKDS has a great working relationship with the public school for student support, testing, speech, title programs, etc.

j. Iowa testing: required for Grades: 3, 5, and 7
   i. SKDS tests grades 1 through 8 to familiarize students
   ii. Test results help us determine individual strengths and needs and school wide strengths and needs
   iii. Hope is to increase math scores with new math program
   iv. Looking into why our test scores aren't indicating our students' real potential.
   v. Tests could potentially be computerized in the future.

k. School Improvement
   i. Student Learning: Reviewed National Percentile Rank vs. the Predicted National Percentile Rank
   ii. Uniforms are being worn for the 4th year and going well

VIII. Break – None taken

IX. Committee Reports

a. Scrip Committee: No report

b. Financial Report: Waiting for final end of fiscal year report

c. Advancement Committee
   - Glitz Update: Tricia Cargen (handout) Date, Time, Menu, and Band have been set
   - Need to get a hold of John Moser and Julius Tempkin
   - Volunteer Sign-up sheet will be sent home in Family Folders soon.

d. Endowment: No Report

X. Parish Council: No Report

XI. Old Business: No Report

a. Debbie Hankes plans to have a report at next meeting

XII. New Business

a. School Safety:
   - Faculty and staff will work on reviewing and revising the crisis and safety plan.
   - Training will cover precautionary language and safety precautions to put into affect should an intruder enter our school or other crisis occur.
   - This program is Dodge County wide and familiar to the Fire Department and Police Department.
   - Hope is to have it in play by then end of the school year.
   - Presentation by Mike Reissmann to faculty and staff: September 17, 2013 at 3:30pm

b. Maintenance Priority List (handout)
   - Prioritized
   - Some of the items are budgeted for
   - Needed updates are a parish wide concern
   - Need to look into possibility of obtaining a grant for new windows throughout the school
   - Plan to have office area bathroom be equipped with large counter for assisting injured students and other health related needs; lower level lavs need up dating, shades need replacing, gym curtains replaced, kitchen updated; other items also listed

XIII. Adjournment Next Meeting

a. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm

b. Next Meeting will be September 17, 2013 @ 7:00pm