

SKDS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2015

Attendees: Tricia Cargen, Deb Hankes, Jill Kaufmann, Barb Haase, Beth Jens, Jennifer Nampel, Father Mike, Tracy Gundert, Greg Steil (Pastoral Council Liaison), Mark Roedl (Pastoral Council Chair)

Guests: Bob Einwalter, Alison Seufzer, Jenny Wendorf, Sara Diels, Kate Meyer Paul White, Peter Frey, Jayson Bates, Bruce Kaufmann

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Jill Kaufmann led the group in prayer.

Introduction of Guests: Bob Einwalter and Allison Seufzer provided an overview of the Scrip Improvement Team and their progress. The team is reviewing the current Scrip process, audience, and usage to determine how to increase usage among school families and parishioners. Long term and short term goals have been developed; i.e. standing orders for gas/grocery only since 80% of Scrip is used for this, letters to parishioners who are business owners and could use Scrip for their business needs, and a pilot group testing electronic requests for Scrip purchases. The goal is to have another 150 participants using Scrip!

Review and Approval of September Minutes – Motion to approve by Beth Nampel and seconded by Jill Kaufmann.

Audience Comments/Eyes and Ears – There were concerns expressed that some families who previously attended SKDS may not have been provided information in regards to Mr. Pipp. Barb indicated that all school families were contacted via letter/email and that the information was also published in the newspaper. If there are any other concerns, families (current or previous) should reach out to the school. Barb will provide a copy of the letter to parties who want it.

The recent basketball letter that was sent home to families has caused some concern by families who felt it implied parents are not supporting their children or the school if their child chooses to play an alternate sport (or participate in some other activity) during basketball season. It was understood why families may have that feeling, but it was not the intent of the letter. The intent was to provide adequate and timely information to families so they could make informed decisions. If anyone has concerns, s/he should reach out to Barb.

Administrator's Update – Families and faculty have expressed concerns about the school dances after multiple incidents at the September dance. A compilation of concerns, questions, and possible solutions were compiled from the police department, families, students, and faculty. To clarify, there were no guns, tasers, or drugs at the dance; the police department has confirmed this. It does appear that few non SKDS children and a custody issue (between parents) sparked a majority of the issues and were the main reason for a police presence before and during the dance. The dances are a profitable fundraiser for the school and enjoyed by some of the SKDS students. There has been a decline in SKDS attendance. **The November 13 dance is currently cancelled** until an ad hoc committee can be formed to review the issues, possible solutions, and have a solid emergency/evacuation plan created. For those interested in being part of the ad hoc committee, please contact Barb.

The Annual WNSAA reports were presented for Board review. We are at the tail end of the old process for accreditation and are working on the self-study under the new process. The reports presented are an annual review of all that the school has done during the seven year period since the last accreditation visit. The reports include: Standards, Long Range Plan (and progress made), and Certification information for New Teachers. Each school also has to have three improvement plans for the areas of Student Learning, Catholic Identity and a third area of choice (we are choosing technology). Each report is sent to the Archdiocesan Office for Schools and is reviewed twice. The report is then sent to WRISA (Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation) for final review and accreditation. We continue to move forward with this process.

The theme day "roof" picture turned out great!

The Youth Forum took place at St. Mary's in Mayville on October 15. Catholic School Students in Dodge and Washington Counties participated in this Catholic youth leadership program presented by Ralph Stewart. Each school's team developed a project that was taken back to its school. Lori Warmka, facilitator, and selected 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students from SKDS participated.

Conferences went very well.

Soles for Souls walk was this past Saturday. It was very cold but a very impressive event. There must have been over 9000 walkers in attendance! SKDS represented well with 19 walkers. There were lots of games and additional activities to participate in after the walk.

Pastor's Report: No report

Finance Report: No report. Tuition statements have been sent to families.

Advancement Report: The committee met Monday, October 12, and discussed website updates and combining the current two Facebook pages.

Glitz Update: RSVP's are slow coming in; only 14 people to date. 19 silent auction items have already been received with many more on the way including the nine classroom items. There will be a restaurant raffle again this year along with the beer and wine raffle.

Parish Council Update - A stewardship/leadership retreat will be held November 13-14 at the Parish Center. Everyone is invited. Contact Mark Roedl or the Parish Office if you have any questions or would like to register.

Old Business/New Business – None

A motion to adjourn was made by Deb Hankes at 8:17pm and seconded by Tracy Gundert.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00pm.