

SKDS School Board Meeting

March 28, 2017

Attendees: Jill Kaufmann, Barb Haase, Jennifer Nampel, Heather Eggers, Tricia Cargen, Greg Steil (Pastoral Council Liaison)

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm with Barb reciting the Prayer of Peace.

Introduction of Guests/Guest Topics: Paul White and Bruce Kaufmann from SKDS Athletic Association and Jenny Wendorf, and Angela Davis.

Review and Approval of August Minutes: Motion to approve by Greg Steil and seconded by Jennifer Nampel.

SKDS Athletics Program Participation: Over the past few years the numbers of children participating in the athletic programs continue to decline. One of the many reasons the numbers continue to decline is SKDS is competing against Club programs; families are choosing to play in both which causes conflicts at times. Basketball is suffering the most. Volleyball still has strong enough numbers to have teams.

Athletics is looking for support in allowing the religious education children to be part of the SKDS athletic program. The Archdiocese does allow public school children to take part in catholic school sporting teams as long as the child (ren) are active participants in the catholic schools or parish religious education programs. There are some catholic schools, like St. Jerome's, who are allowing this so they can have athletics programs.

A motion was made by Greg Steil to move forward and seconded by Jennifer Nampel with the following criteria:

- One year trial for 2017-18 school year and is evaluated by athletics and school board prior to continuing the next school year.
- Athletics Association will outline the process for monitoring and/or establishing the relationship with the public schools to ensure athletes are meeting their academic requirements and present to school board.
- Continue to promote and find way to the following:
 - Get SKDS children involved in sports at an earlier age.
 - Communicate with parents the importance of playing with classmates.
 - Condensing the basketball season to make shorter and adapt to work better with the various club schedules, leagues, and family schedules.

Correspondence / Audience Comments / Eyes and Ears: Forensics had a great season. It is so great to see the kids grow and develop and see how accomplished they are by 8th grade. The Forensics Evening was a great night and the kids were wonderfully entertaining!

Administrator's Update:

School Choice Update: Eight students have currently applied for school choice; four kindergarteners and four first graders. Applications must be submitted by April 20. Auditors for this program are being interviewed.

Current registration numbers are: 4K-25 (overall district wide numbers are down), K-14 (with 4 more possibly), 1st-16, 2nd-9, 3rd-17, 4th-26, 5th-15, 6th-21, 7th-19, 8th-18

Book Fair starts Sunday, April 2 and runs through Thursday, April 6.

Marketing Update – Barb and the faculty worked diligently over the weeks leading up to spring break and during spring break to develop some new, fresh marketing ideas for SKDS and did a wonderful job! The new catch phrase is “Ask Me Why I Love SKDS”. Barb was able share samples at the meeting!

- A new redesigned yard sign is available in the school office for a small fee.
- Small business cards, printing professionally, that have all the talking points for “Ask Me Why I Love SKDS”. Keep a couple handy for when someone asks you about why you send your kids to SKDS!
- Bibs for the newest members being baptized that read “Future SKDS Cougar”.
- “I am Child of God” pillowcase that will be sent on a child’s second birthday just prior to the 3K entry point.
- Referral bonuses – school board is currently reviewing documentation from other schools

Volunteer/Fundraising: Requirements will need to be reworded in all documentation since we are now a Choice School. This is a lottery.

Tuition Assistance: Information was sent in the family folder. Due back to school by April 21.

Retirement: Ruth Kaiser has submitted her retirement and will not be returning next year.

Working on SMART goals on the four domains for moving forward on the accreditation results (mapping curriculum). Developing something more robust for when a new teacher is hired in.

- A – service work
- B & C – curriculum
- D – Development

Scrip Committee: No report.

Finance Report: July through February budget vs actual shared.

Advancement Report: No report.

Glitz Report: No report.

Parish Council Report: The Parish Council is supportive of moving forward with a marketing intern if the school board would like to move forward in that direction. They were also very pleased with the accreditation results.

Old Business / New Business – None.

A motion to adjourn was made by Greg Steil at 8:20pm and seconded by Tricia Cargen.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00pm.