

**St. Katharine Drexel School Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 15, 2015**

**Attendance:** Tracy Gundert, Jill Kaufmann, Heather Eggers, Greg Steil, Jennifer Nampel, Father Mike, and Barb Haase. There were no guests.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm. Barb Haase led the group in prayer using the school's mission, vision, philosophy and goals.

**August Meeting Minutes:** Greg Steil made a motion to approve, Tracy Gundert seconded.

**Audience Eyes and Ears:** The first day of school went very well. It was very well attended; warm as usual!

**Correspondence:** Last Friday, September 11 the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students honored local firefighters, police officers, and EMT's with cards/letters and a cross on the fence. If there was a connection (i.e. relative) the card was sent specifically to that person. A very nice letter was received back from Chief Mannel expressing gratitude for the thoughtfulness. Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders are true leaders!

Father Mike had attended the 4K picnic prior to arriving at the school board meeting. He shared that there was a great dynamic between the families and the teachers. It was a lot of fun and a great way to get to know new families.

**Administrators Report:** We have a full faculty! Mrs. Sarah Puleo has been shadowing Mrs. Rampanelli and will fully transition on September 22. Mrs. Puleo is a brand new teacher at SKDS and had been previously working at the YMCA. She is a wonderful fit for SKDS! Mrs. Rampanelli has been a great mentor and we appreciate all of her assistance with this transition!

The Safeguarding class was held last Thursday and there were approximately 32-35 people in attendance. As always this is not an easy session to present, but it went smoothly. The Archdiocese has made some changes to the registration and background check process; everything is now done online. This allows for all information to be in one place and is easily accessible for anyone who may want to assist at another parish besides the parish at which they originally completed the necessary paperwork.

The preschool, 3K and 4K, contracts and have been signed with the Beaver Dam Unified School District (BDUSD). BDUSD has paid for four spots in the 3K program; with these spots there are a total of 15 filled spots at \$915 each. The 4K program has 54 students. The BDUSD pays SKDS \$2368 per year/child for being a 4K site. To date we have 230 kids registered in 3 K-8th grades.

The first day of school was well attended. There was a little bit of feedback in regards to it being a little hard to hear some of the announcements. One idea is to have everyone start in the gym and then let the children go to the classrooms to visit without the parents for a few minutes? The new fundraiser presentation may have been a bit long and may have lost the attention of some families; however, it was important to have a representative there to discuss the new fundraiser (which replaced our former magazine sale) and the benefits. Other ideas for the first day of school were discussed but most feel the process is not broken and the first day is well attended and should remain the same.

**Glitz Report:** There will be a report next month.

**Finance Report:** No report this month.

**Parish Council Report:** Bob Einwalter reviewed the surveys for the accreditation and recommends the School Board start to think about what will be done with the survey results short term and long term.

Everyone on the School Board should have received an invite to the WeGather website. The website is easy to use and share information between committees within the parish and school. Let Greg know if you have any questions.

**Old Business:** The Public Relations committee met and reviewed the skds.org website. The website has a lot of outdated information; they will be reviewing again closely and marking up what needs to be changed/updated. Facebook will also be updated with some more fun information about the new teachers.

The Public Relations committee is also working to have some of our students talk at the tri-parish Masses about what it's like to go to a Catholic school. What their experiences are like and what we have to offer.

When will the next spirit wear sale be? This will be looked into. In the meantime, if you have a shirt that needs a school logo *Speed/Needles* has the SKDS logo and it can be imprinted on any shirt for a small fee. Barb will make sure on dress up days that spirit wear is included in the dress code.

Soles for Souls Walk is October 17 at Mount Mary University. Don't forget to donate your gently used shoes; bring them to school.

There are multiple surveys that are going to be sent out to parishioners and families as part of the accreditation process. This may seem very overwhelming but we need everyone to participate as the results will guide and help plan the future of our school and church. The time commitment to complete the surveys is small and will make a big difference. To ensure we align the parish survey with other activities we will send it out the weekend of October 9-11. It will go home in the family folder October 9.

All of the teachers will also receive a specific survey as part of the accreditation process; we will ensure that the retired teachers receive this as well to complete.

Tracy Gundert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm and it was seconded by Greg Steil.

Our next meeting is October 20, 2015 at 7PM.