

**ST. KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
BEAVER DAM, WI
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 2013**

Attendees: Tracy Gundert, Jill Kaufmann, Rob Jens, Beth Jens, Heather Eggers, Tricia Cargen, Deb Hanks, Father Mike

Not in attendance: Jennifer Bohlig, David Kalscheur, Hector Ramirez

Guest: Paul White

Meeting called to order at 7:04PM. Barb Haase led The Hail Mary.

MEETING MINUTES CORRECTION

Correction from the September meeting: It was asked if Football Mania winners are printed in the bulletin and the board indicated that yes they were. We have since received clarification from the Parish Office and winners are no longer published in the bulletin. They are printed and posted on the bulletin boards in church. They will still be printed in the Family newsletter every week; they are also published on the school website.

Jill Kaufmann made a motion to approve the minutes, Tracy Gundert seconded the motion.

ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT UPDATE BY PAUL WHITE

The Volleyball season experienced a tougher year. Numbers have been declining which is making developing teams harder. SKDS was able to develop an A team and a C team this year; 5th and 6th grade girls were combined to create one team and 7th and 8th graders combined to create one team.

Basketball for the fifth grade boys has strong numbers. The 7th and 8th grade boys will combine into one team. There is currently not enough interest from the girls to create teams. Overall, SKDS is struggling with numbers for basketball and may have limited teams this year due to low interest. A letter will be sent home in the next couple of weeks to families so that numbers can be finalized. Season starts around November 5; the first games are scheduled for December 7. Games are scheduled most Saturdays through mid-February.

It was asked if there is a way to coordinate the Positively Hoops basketball schedule and the SKDS basketball schedule. Both groups have different league rules and it's hard to balance the schedules.

The track coach position will be available this year. Track begins in early April and is available starting in 5th grade.

Since SKDS does not have a cross-country team students can participate on the public schools team.

The board recommended again that a letter go home to incoming fifth grade families about all of the expectations and sports available to students as they become fifth graders.

Athletics Association meets four times per year.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

A parent commented to a board member that they are feeling overwhelmed with all the financial requests during this time of year; Football Mania, Carnival Raffle Tickets, Glitz, etc.

This was the 30th Annual Carnival and it went really well this year. A picture will be included in the next edition of Crossing Paths. Crossing Paths will also include an article about the three Sisters who are living across the street from the school/church. This will be a nice tribute to Notre Dame.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Barb provided everyone with a copy of the Parish School Committee Description, Responsibilities, and Membership document from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The basic functions of a school board are planning, policy-making, finance/budget, advancement, evaluation and assists in the hiring of the administrator. Barb encouraged everyone to review on their own.

Long Range Plan – WRISA – 10 Standards. Barb reviewed the plan and specifically the parts that deal specifically with the board. In servicing will not happen every year with someone from the Arch coming out every year. Completion of the current plan will be 2014-2015. For each standard an explanation of completion, revision or why you were not able to complete it in the designated time frame must be stated. We need to pull out the five

year plan for review. Does it apply anymore? Do we revise or start over? Barb will go through what Pat Lofton presented and share content that needs to be highlighted.

We continue to look for someone to chair the Alumni Association; this would include publishing Crossing Paths.

Technology Committee met last night.

The board is invited to attend the Stewardship Assessment, presented by Barb Vite, Director of Parish Stewardship Assessment from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee that will be held on Tuesday, November 12.

Barb shared the three School Improvement Action Plans: Catholic Identity, School Wide Technology, and Student Learning. Some of the highlights: New Math Series, training that the teachers have gone through, meeting the needs of all students as we have students at all levels, recording how we accommodate students of all levels, purchasing the online ALEKS program for students who are struggling in Math, hiring a learning resource aide (English Language Arts) for grades 4-8, and our children performing at the weekend masses.

The conferences went well.

The Youth Forum went really well. Ralph Stewart was the facilitator and was very impressed with the group of students that we sent (Dodge and Washington County Catholic Schools). We will have great leaders in the future. SKDS students are planning to create bracelets in support of cancer research as their project developed during the Youth Forum.

Theme Day went very well. The kids sang and the church rang. The overall day was overwhelmingly wonderful! The kids really seemed to enjoy themselves.

Spaghetti supper is this Thursday.

The sixth and seventh graders have already gone on their retreats. The fifth graders will go this week.

FINANCIAL REPORT

No significant changes since last month.

Break was taken

PASTOR REPORT

There was a smaller turnout that anticipated for the server training. With how much is going on in fifth grade we may want to consider starting server training during the second semester of 4th grade.

Parish Festival will be scheduled the weekend before Labor Day next year. The Festival profited \$500 this year.

A parent shared an idea about videotaping the Friday morning masses since many parents work and are unable to attend.

GLITZ UPDATE

Invitation and donation forms have gone out. The Glitz information will be in the bulletin soon and announcements will be made at masses.

OLD BUSINESS

Family Carnival was a success.

Sales for Education is November 2 at Mt. Mary University. There will not be an SKDS bus going to the event.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20PM.

NEXT MEETING: November 19, 2013 @ 7PM in the Upper Room