

**SKDS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2014**

Attendees: Barb Haase, Beth Jens, Tracy Gundert, Jill Kaufmann, Mark Roedl, Fr. Mike Erwin, Monica McGauley

Absent: Dave Kalscheur, Tricia Cargen, Deb Hankes, Heather Eggers

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm. Fr. Mike led the group in prayer.

A motion was made by Tracy Gundert and seconded by Monica McGauley to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2014 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Audience Comments/Eyes & Ears: The school Christmas program was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Correspondence: Barb Haase received an email from a concerned parent about the use of social media in a negative way. Those sites are blocked while the children are in school; however, all parents should be aware of what their kids are doing on the sites while not in school. In some cases, bullying can occur through the use of social media.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Mike attended a conference on education at Marquette University and briefly explained some of the ideas that were discussed at the conference around schools that set and accomplish goals. We should be enthusiastic about our school, set goals, and possibly do interviews about what is working, and what is not.

Administrator's Report: We were selected to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The assessment will be given to our 4th grade class on February 9. A letter explaining more about the assessment will go home to 4th grade parents.

Ms. Haase met with 2 prospective families.

The annual Christmas card has been designed by 8th graders and will be distributed soon in the Family Folders and in the parish mailing.

Catholic Schools Week is coming up last week of January.

Barb indicated that the students will write personal letters to students in the LLFF program as another means of recruitment. Fr. Mike suggested also sending a letter to the parents of the LLFF students.

Break: None taken.

Parental Choice Program: Barb Haase and Jenny Crombie have reviewed the new forms and documents required, but until the cap is raised, we will not apply.

Committee Reports:

Scrip Committee – No report.

Financial Report – The current budget was distributed and briefly reviewed. A number of methods of recruitment were discussed such as lawn signs, digital advertising, referral bonuses, making the website more interactive and having a contact person listed on the website who can be a mentor.

Advancement Committee – No report.

Pastoral Council Liaison Report: Parish income is down by 10% and Fr. Mike made the parish aware at Masses last weekend. He is also encouraging everyone to read the gospel of Mark. The discussions with Tri-Parish continue and we will begin sharing a priest in June. The Pastoral Council also began discussing the process of church renovations. School Board will attend the January Pastoral Council meeting on January 6, beginning with Mass at 6:30pm, followed by the meeting at 7pm.

New Business: The old boiler has been removed. A concern was raised over the smell and dust during the removal. Once it was noticed, the work was stopped and the air has been tested. It was suggested to have a neutral company do another air quality test. We are currently looking at options for a new system.

Reminder to RSVP for the holiday party on January 9 no later than December 19. A sign up was passed around for items that are needed.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.