

SKDS School Board Meeting
August 18, 2015

Attendees: Barb Haase, Beth Jens, Tracy Gundert, Jill Kaufmann, Mark Roedl, Fr. Mike Erwin, Tricia Cargen, Deb Hankes, Greg Steil

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Beth led the group in prayer.

Greg Steil was introduced and welcomed as the Pastoral Council liaison to the School Board.

The minutes of the July meeting should be corrected as follows:

Tracy Gundert and Deb Hankes are both serving *year 3* of their first term.

A motion was made by Tracy and seconded by Beth to approve the minutes of the July meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

It was noted that the minutes should be completed and sent out within a week of the meeting if at all possible.

Barb noted that Sheri Dewar has indicated that her daughter will no longer be attending SKDS. As such, she may not be willing to serve her term on School Board, but at this time, we are unsure.

Audience Comments/Eyes & Ears: The InSpire article and Crossing Paths newsletter were both well written.

Correspondence: None.

Administrator's Report: A new booklet from the Chamber of Commerce is being developed. SKDS will be mentioned in it as we are a Chamber member. There will also be an app this year which is an exciting addition and provides a new PR method for us.

The annual report was sent to the Board for review prior to the meeting. There were no questions about the report.

The accreditation surveys were also reviewed by the Board prior to the meeting. They are lengthy and we want to make them as user-friendly as possible so that we have a good response rate. Fr. Mike also prepared a sample survey. We must get usable information, as well as fulfill the accreditation requirements and after discussion, it was determined that we will use the diocesan surveys as written. The surveys should be completed no later than November. We will remind and encourage staff, parish members, and parents to take the survey throughout the process, with an emphasis on the importance of the accreditation

process and gathering the information. Jack Hanks may be able to help get the surveys into an electronic format.

The changes in enrollment numbers are as follows (all other classes remain as reported in July):

4K – 49

6th – 17 (lost 1)

There are still 2 students on the waiting list for 2nd grade. Barb has spoken with both of the families.

There is nothing new to report on Parental Choice at this time.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Mike provided a rough sketch of his vision for the school – what we want for our students, parents, staff and parish. Much of it revolves around vibrant stewardship. We should emphasize the importance of multi-culturalism in our school and parish. Ideas for involving the school children more in weekend Masses were discussed.

Committee Reports:

Scrip Committee – The committee has deployed a charter and is making a big effort to take the program to another level.

PR Committee – Possibly look at ads on cable TV and other avenues for PR such as Google search pop-ups. We have the knowledge within our Parish to do these types of things and must tap into it. We need to increase our online exposure.

Financial Report – No report.

Advancement Committee – No report.

Pastoral Council Liaison Report: Mark reported that the Pastoral Council has been discussing better communication between the various committees to break down silos. Their main focus has been on stewardship, communication, collaboration, and cooperation. They have begun using “We Gather” as an online space for committee communication. The School Board will also be set up to use it and Greg will provide some training at the next meeting.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: Fr. Mike led the group in a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.