

**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015
6:00PM CONFERENCE ROOM**

Board Members:

Christina Diers
Carrie Kubicek
Ann Monday
John Morrow
Kevin Ortmeier -
Rich Panowicz
Bill Pulte

Others in attendance:

Fr. Gary Ostrander
Don Ridder
Nick Mumm
Jennifer Jodlowski
PAC Rep - Ryan Shanle
RF Rep - Linda Mac

1. **Opening Prayer** - The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by. The meeting began with a Hail Mary prayer.

2. **Roll Call/Welcome** - Attendance was recorded as outlined in the minutes for board members and representatives of the school and parish.

3. **Approval of Minutes** - Ann motioned to approve the minutes from November and Kevin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

4. **President's Report – School Board President –**
None.

5. Home and School Report – H & S Vice Pres. –

-The last H&S meeting was at Tanners on November 17th.

-There was an Angel Dollars contest from 10/28-12/4. The class with the most gift cards won a "mini party" from Arby's. First place went to Mrs. Johnson's 5th grade and second place went to Mrs. Hotovy's 2nd grade class. Mrs. Johnson's class had the mini party the Wednesday before Christmas, and Mrs. Hotovy's class received shakes from Arby's.

-HyVee receipts were collected until Dec. 31st. They are being tallied and final results should be ready soon.

-Mrs. Smith's class submitted over 1100 box tops! Over 7,000 were submitted in December alone. The next winner will be announced in March.

-The next family food night will be at Oscar's on February 24th.

-The next book fair will take place during Catholic Schools week which is January 25-31st.

-Spirit Wear received a lot of orders after announcing the webpage during the holiday sale.

-Room parents are done for the year. There is only 1 person chairing this committee.

-H&S voted on the following at the last meeting:

1) A decal design was chosen. It has been ordered and flyers were printed for distribution to the students this week. Decals are being sold one for \$3 or two for \$5. Notice will be placed in the bulletin and notes.

2) A vote passed to give each of the 9 school clubs \$100/year for administrative use.

3) H&S voted on their gift to the school for the 2014-2015 school year. They are giving \$10,000 to Mr. Ridder to select items from his list of wants to provide to the school, and each grade level will get \$1,000 to fulfill their wish list items. Teachers were asked to fill out wish lists and purchasing will be taken care of by the Treasurer.

-The carnival date is set for August 29th with two chairs in place. They are Lisa Kuehl and Lisa Seeman.

-The next H&S meeting is tonight at 7pm in the Spanish Room.

6. Religious Formation Report –

A retreat committee being formed. School board members are invited to attend RF committee meetings. They meet the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm.

7. Pastor Report – Fr. Gary

Nothing to report.

8. Parish Pastoral Council Report – Fr. Gary

Mr. Ridder came to the meeting and gave a presentation about the school.

The committee also discussed the rental policy of Boland Hall. It was decided that until they have a new facility, all the parish space (aside from the Parish Center) will be used for parish events, and not rented.

Kim Kidder is no longer the representative of COPE, so a new representative has been found. Kim presented 15 things that COPE does, and they discussed what our parish does with COPE already. We participate with making lasagne, the angel tree, and the food pantry.

We will continue to be involved in those things.

9. Principal Advisory Report – PAC Rep - Ryan Shanle

-Mr. Shanle said thank you to H&S from the teachers for all the money donated.

-Next year, the Archbishop will come for an all school mass. The date is to be determined.

-Every grade had students in summer school except 6th, 7th, & 8th grade.

-Letters of intent for next school year just went out to current families.

-Mr. Shanle is taking a group of 8th graders to DC. The program has grown, so this year 50 students and 10 chaperones are going.

-It has been a good year so far with no problems.

- The Catholic High School entrance exam was last Saturday, and several 8th graders are planning to go to Catholic high school.
- The staff will have a vertical meeting Monday. This is a meeting with different grade levels so that there is flow between the grades.
- Teachers are preparing for Accuity Testing. Accuity is K through 8th grade testing that is used as a learning tool. The teachers are also using the Terra Nova data for making improvements in the curriculum.
- Catholic schools week begins with the weekend masses on Jan. 24th & 25th. On Monday the theme is "Community of Faith". There will be an all school mass that day as well as a spelling bee. Tuesday's theme is "Nation", and it will be a red, white, and blue dress down day. The 6th grade is planning a Human Rosary in the church this day, too. On Wednesday, the theme is "Family". There will be a favorite sport or club dress down day that day. There will also be a Read & Feed with Buddy grades and no homework night on Wednesday. Thursday is "Vocations Day". Dr. Ridder and the 8th graders will attend mass at the Cathedral. Mercy Show Choir will perform in the Parish Center in the afternoon. Friday's theme is "Student & Staff Appreciation Day", and it will be a Spirit dress down day, and the talent show will be in the afternoon.

10. Committee Representatives

a. Finances – Ann/Kevin

The committee updated the investment policy. They haven't meant since the beginning of November. They will start making the budget for next year.

b. Facilities/Safety Minutes – Nick & Bill

Nothing to report.

c. Policy/Calendar/Communication – John & Carrie

Three different calendar options were presented to the board. The goal is to keep the days in each semester pretty close. The committee debated whether to keep spring break at the same time as the Catholic high schools or combine with the Easter break. St. Patrick's has always gone with 173 days in our school year to provide the best education for our students. The teachers suggested they might like to come back for an In-service January 4th before students return to help finish grades for report cards. After reviewing the three calendar options and taking into consideration the items mentioned above a motion to vote on approving calendar B pending the decision of the teachers to have an In-service on January 4th was made by Kevin; and Ann seconded the motion. The board voted and all were in favor of calendar B.

d. School Improvement – Bill & Don

At the meeting, they discussed Accuity testing. The teachers are using curriculum maps. They are keeping them up to date, and they are constantly using them. The teachers can use Accuity to see if kids are learning what they need to, and then they can go back to the curriculum map and tweak the curriculum where it needs improvement.

e. Recruitment – Carrie & Nick

One email blast went out before christmas break, and another will go out next week for registration for the 2015-2016 school year. They are putting together flyers, and they will continue to have flyers once a month. Today, there were five families visiting the school for tours.

f. Other discussion Items you have:

Todd Beran is the new Athletic Committee treasurer. The committee is pushing hard to keep kids playing in Catholic league sports. We have great support from Mount Michael for use of their gym while we do not have one.

11. Principal's Report – Don/Nick

There was a tech meeting. They have two committees for technology. One is made up of teachers, and the other is made up of people with technology experience. The committee is coming up with a 4-5 year plan of recommendations for technology that will be needed and updated.

There is a possibility of a policy change on sweaters for next school year. The policy will be re-written and discussed at the next school board meeting.

We received a free Breakfast Cart from Fuel Up to Play 60. They will begin using it next week in the middle school only for the rest of this year. The food will be small items for \$0.50 - \$1.00 and middle school students will be able to purchase them before school. Items on the cart will be things like yogurt, fruit, bagels, granola bars, etc. If we can sustain serving enough students to meet federal requirements, we may be able to have the breakfast cart food funded by the government. The food for now will be purchased using the money raised by the smoothie machine.

12. Other items

13. Audience Petitions (at discretion of the President)

Andrew D'Agosto came to the meeting to discuss the registration fee - the timing of it, and the way registration fee were increased. He felt there was a lack of communication about the increased fee as well as when was registration fee increased. He feels it wasn't communicated in a timely manner. He also feels that it is a steep fee for families with multiple children. He felt pressured to turn the registration in to save his childrens' spot in school for next year.

14. Executive session – School Board Only

NONE

15. Adjournment

Kevin motioned to adjourn the meeting; Derek seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm. The meeting closed with the Our Father. The next meeting will be Monday, February 9, at 6:30pm.