

**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9 , 2015  
6:30PM CONFERENCE ROOM**

**Board Members:**

Christina Diers  
Carrie Kubicek  
Ann Monday  
John Morrow  
Kevin Ortmeier  
Derek Strohman  
Bill Pulte

**Others in attendance:**

Fr. Gary Ostrander  
Don Ridder  
Nick Mumm  
Jennifer Jodlowski  
PAC Rep - Jessica Jarecki  
RF Rep - Ann Rasmussen

1. **Opening Prayer** - The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by. The meeting began with the Our Father 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** - John motioned to approve the minutes from January, and Kevin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
4. **President's Report – School Board President – Bill Pulte**  
Bill discussed ways of making the school board minutes more accessible to people. They have been made available in the past on the school website, but it was decided to also put a link in p-notes to minutes. We also need to make sure there is an announcement of the school board meeting in bulletin.
5. **Home and School Report – H & S Vice Pres. – Jennifer Jodlowski**  
H&S met on January 12th in the Spanish Room. They discussed a few of the committees that still have positions open for the 2015-2016 school year. Emails went out asking which chairs were planning on returning. Some spots were filled but there are still some open committee chairs available. We are planning to have all filled by March and will be voting on new executive team in May.  
Angel Dollars - There are no contests at the moment but they are always available for purchase.

Hy-Vee Receipts - The final results for Hy-Vee receipt collection was over 6100 receipts. These were submitted and came to a total of a little over \$326,000. This will reward H&S with approximately \$1,600.00.

Box Tops - The new contest is ongoing. The next winner will be announced in March.

Family Food Night - The next Family Food Night is February 24th Oscars at 170th and Center. Last year, Oscars brought in \$368. This is very good for a Family Food Night.

On March 19th, our Family Food Night will be at Runza on 168th and Maple. Last year Runza brought in \$378! It is important to remember that 50% of all funds raised goes toward Activity Fund, so please come out and support. In April, we are going to sponsor a Family Fun Event (something new) on the 30th. From 4-9pm, we will have open swim at CoCo Key which will cost \$8/swimmer, \$6/non-swimmers, and food is available for purchase. As long as 100 people attend, they will donate \$1 back for every ticket sold. Our last Family Food night will be May 12th at Chipotle. Last year, we made over \$800 at Chipotle.

Book Fair - It went well, but there are no numbers reported yet.

Spirit Wear - The next sale will be in March.

Room Parents - There is nothing to report.

The next H&S meeting will be March 16th, at 7 pm in the Spanish Room.

#### **6. Religious Formation Report – Ann Rasmussen**

February 11th is the poverty meal for RF students. The RF committee is always looking for people to come & speak on this night about service.

The RF committee is still working on the 2016 summer religious formation program. You must be a member of our parish to enroll in the summer RF program.

Sunday morning preschool has been canceled due to lack of volunteers. It will open in the fall if people want to volunteer.

There is the potential that sacrament committee will be formed after a Youth Minister has been hired.

#### **7. Pastor Report – Fr. Gary**

He has met with three candidates for the Youth Minister position. He is in the process of making a decision on who will get the position. The new Youth Minister will take over planning and overseeing the confirmation process.

#### **8. Parish Pastoral Council Report – Fr. Gary**

Nothing to report.

#### **9. Principal Advisory Report – PAC Rep - Jessica Jarecki**

At the PAC meeting, they reviewed stations of the cross schedule.

They also talked about school of faith dates for next year. They would like to stay with the same school of faith representative.

They discussed ideas for when Archbishop could come for a Mass next school year. They discussed having the Archbishop come for the 15th anniversary of school.

They are determining dates and teachers for summer school. This included both the Sharpen Your Skills and the Jumpstart programs.

Positive things happening through out the school:

Preschool & PreK - Jessica was very happy with Christmas program and how well the kids did. She has been testing the Preschool and PreK students, and everyone has improved skills.

Kindergarteners are reading and enjoying what they are learning.

First graders are using their song books at mass.

Second grade is preparing for 1st communion.

Third grade has enjoyed being a part of mass choir.

Fourth grade has a 100 acts of kindness bulletin board that Mrs. Brown put together.

Fourth and fifth grade are working on research on the iPads, and the teachers are really enjoying using their Mimeo document cameras.

Seventh grade is working hard on organizational skills.

Please pray that Eighth grade finishes the year strong, and pray as they continue their preparation for confirmation.

Specials are finishing SPIRIT auction items with Miss Murnan.

The office is running very efficiently, and Don is very please with how Kelly, Stacy and Deanna are doing.

## 10. **Committee Representatives**

### a. Finances – Ann/Kevin

They have not had a finance meeting. However, the numbers are ready for the budget for next year. Vicki will add utilities costs. This year, Don budgeted for 787 students, and we are at 803 students. Tours are happening more frequently - about 2 tours each day. They have given probably 100 tours since the beginning of 2015. First and Seventh grade are small this year. Word of mouth has been the best form of advertising. Don is projecting 835 students for next year. This could jump up to 860 students the following year. The next finance meeting will be February 25th.

### b. Facilities/Safety Minutes – Nick & Bill

They have not had a meeting. They will have one in the spring.

### c. Policy/Calendar/Communication – John & Carrie

Nothing to report.

### d. School Improvement – Derek & Don

There is a meeting tomorrow.

### e. Recruitment – Carrie & Nick

John Copenhaver will be on the committee. He has sent out email blasts for the school. The committee called parishes that don't have schools, and they put announcement in those parishes' bulletins about our school.

### f. Other discussion Items you have

## 11. **Principal's Report – Don/Nick**

Bob, Derek & Bill met with Don to talk about the technology needs of the school for years to come. Bob is looking at merging with parish system. There will be specific people who

will have access to cloud to help if Bob isn't around. They are improving technology in the entire building.

Next year, sweaters will not be a required piece of the uniform. It will still be an option for as part of the every day uniform. Students will have to wear them in 8th grade to the cathedral, but the school will keep several on hand for this one time event.

On Wednesday, February 11th, twelve scholarships will be awarded to eighth graders from Catholic High Schools in the area.

**12. Other items**

None.

**13. Audience Petitions (at discretion of the President)**

None.

**14. Executive session – School Board Only**

John motioned to move to executive session, and Ann seconded. Following the session, Carrie motioned to exit the session, and Derek seconded the motion.

**15. Adjournment**

Derek motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Kevin seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm. The meeting closed with the Hail Mary. The next meeting will be Monday, March 16th at 6:30pm.