

**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 16, 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  
RF Rep - not present  
PAC Rep - Tracy Kill  
Athletic Director Joe Shimerdla

1. **Opening Prayer** - The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Bill Pulte. The meeting began with the Hail Mary.
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 – Minutes available at the meeting** - Kevin motioned to approve the minutes from February, and Ann seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
4. **President’s Report – School Board President – Bill**  
Nothing to report.
5. **Home and School Report – H & S Vice Pres.**  
The last Home & School meeting was on January 12th.  
The next Family Food Night is Thursday, March 19th, and it will be at Runza on 168th and Maple. Last year Runza brought in \$378! Remember - 50% of all funds raised goes toward Activity Fund so please come out and support.  
In April, the Family Fun Event has changed. There will be more information to follow once new venue is approved.  
The last Family Food Night will be May 12th at Chipotle. Last year, we made over \$800 at Chipotle.  
The next H&S meeting is March 16th at 7 pm in the Spanish Room.
6. **Religious Formation Report – Linda Mack/Ann Rasmussen**  
Nothing to report.

**7. Pastor Report – Fr. Gary –**

The new youth director was hired and attended all of the masses last weekend. He will help with safe environment training.

**Parish Pastoral Council Report – Fr. Gary and Kevin**

At the meeting, they were updated on Dorothy B. Challenge grant.

They approved financial investment policy.

They had mission recap. The numbers were down this year.

They received rough numbers for the SPIRIT auction.

They discussed where we stand with Sunday evening mass. It started strong and has decreased a little in attendance. It could be due to spring break at the school.

They hope to have the Parish directory out before Easter.

Parish and school board elections are coming up.

Carnival is set for Aug. 29th.

Ron Hawkins reported at Parish Council meeting. The big item for discussion was summer RF program - how it is to be funded; how to hire teachers; who will be enrolled. The maximum number for enrollment will be 300 students. The program will be two weeks of half days.

Students will have to attend other sacramental requirements throughout the rest of the year. The summer program will help with room on Wednesday nights.

**8. Principal Advisory Report – PAC Rep – Tracy Kill**

The school is always working to improve its writing curriculum. They have been using the 6 traits of writing. New curriculum is needed and staff members are presenting it to H&S for funds.

The staff would like to have the new curriculum in place before Dr. Ridder leaves. Their goal is to make the English/Grammar curriculum consistent throughout the grades.

The staff members are also presenting the technology needs to H&S for funds. The technology is so important to the day to day instruction.

A couple years ago, the staff changed the science curriculum for Kindergarten through 6th grade.

They would now like to change the 7th & 8th grade curriculum. They are presenting this to H&S as well. Other needs presented to H&S are a new warming serving table, food carts, and medical supplies.

The teachers are planning to stay on the same committees to get through new principal transition.

**9. Committee Representatives**

**a. Finances – Ann/Kevin/Don –**

Everything is in the black, and the school budget is going well. Vicki is doing a good job keeping track, and things look good for next year because of projected numbers. Tawnya Mann becomes full time technology administrator, but no change in costs with that. The cost increases include Shannon Watkins moving to full time. This is necessary to have her as a full time Team Teacher. Other increases include adding a TA to middle school, and they need to increase TA time in Kindergarten due to large classes in the fall. Preschool and Pre-K are almost full and will most likely fill up. They are confident that the 3% increase for tuition will be enough to cover costs and increases in salaries. They would like to hire someone with nursing experience for the office on Wednesdays. Stacy Arndt is there Mondays and Fridays.

**b. Facilities/Safety – Bill/Nick – Schedule next Safety Meeting**

They have not met and will meet at end of March.

- c. Policy/Calendar/Communication – John & Carrie –  
The policy for spending over \$1000 is to have two votes of approval. This is required for all groups with spending power in the parish. It will be added to by-laws of all parish groups including Athletic Committee, Home & School, and Men’s Club. All groups must submit budgets and be accountable for expenditures.
- d. School Improvement – Derek & Don –  
The will meet next week on Tuesday. They will go over the strategic plan and profile. They will be ready to present in April to board. The will talk about end of the year and matrix.
- e. Recruitment – Carrie and Nick  
They ran an advertisement in the Douglas County Gazette. They are still putting announcements into bulletins of parishes that don’t have 5 day schools.

Other discussion items – Kevin – Athletic Committee

The Athletic Committee is working on communication in parish and getting consistent messages out. The newsletter is out.

T-ball & micro soccer enrollment is up.

The Athletic Banquet is coming up on April 24th at 7pm. Last year, attendance was up, so it will be at Champions again. The cost will be \$30, and the speaker will be Shane Osborn. Roger Knobbe will donate electrical work for concession stand. Amy Ortmeier will chair the concession stand committee. EBA is renting out the field between games which will allow for more opportunities to sell concessions. EBA is also bringing in a company that will help maintain the field and keep it safe.

#### 10. **Principal’s Report – Don/Nick**

- a. Projected Numbers for next year were discussed. We are looking at enrollment of 835 students. When we have all grades and classes full, we will have room for 932 students.
- b. Science 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Curriculum - See the PAC report.
- c. Writing and Grammar Curriculum Update - This was the goal for this year. We will discuss it more at the next meeting in April.
- d. Technology Update - See the PAC report.
- e. Other discussion - There was some discussion about having to turn families away when only one child in the family is applying for a grade that is full. Split classes were discussed as a possible solution. We hate to turn families away when only one child in the family can’t get into a classroom. We may want to form a committee to discuss options for this situation. Dr. Ridder wants to stay true to what we have promised families. He doesn’t want the school to become too large and lose the close feeling we have created thus far. He wants to stay with no more than 3 sections per grade, and he wants to do what is best for students. A group may gather before next meeting to discuss this further.

#### 11. **Other items**

Geraniums will be for sale soon.

The staff will be meeting about what they are looking for in a new principal. Members of the committee that is helping with the hiring process of the new principal are Tawnya Mann, Kris Wiest, Diedre DeWald, Bill Pulte, Stan Kathol, Derek Strohman, Charles Olson, and Father Gary.

The committee will meet and sort through applicants, and they will narrow down the selection for interviews. The closing time for applications is March 28th. They will extend that date if necessary. Staff members can meet tomorrow at 7:30am and Wednesday 3:45pm in the Spanish Room to state what they would like to see in the new principal.

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

None

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

None

**14. Adjournment**

Carrie motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Kevin seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm. The meeting closed with the Our Father. The next meeting will be on Monday, April 13th at 6:30pm.