

**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015  
6:30PM CONFERENCE ROOM**

**Board Members:**

Christina Diers  
Carrie Kubicek  
Ann Monday  
John Morrow - absent  
Kevin Ortmeier  
Dereck Strohman  
Bill Pulte

**Others in attendance:**

Fr. Gary Ostrander  
Don Ridder  
Nick Mumm  
Jennifer Jodlowski  
PAC Rep - Jordan Wilson  
RF Rep - Linda Mack

1. **Opening Prayer** - The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm 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** - Carrie motioned to approve the minutes from March, and Kevin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
4. **President's Report – School Board President**  
The board discussed the member's terms for re-election. Kevin is not running again. John is unsure, so there will be two positions open for elections this year.
5. **Home and School Report – H & S Vice Pres. –**

They had several guest speakers at the last meeting to present ideas on what they can do with excess H&S funds (which is approximately \$40,000 give or take after next year's budget is complete). Teachers spoke on funds going toward science curriculum, writing, technology and lunchroom needs. Also, Mr. Vossen from the finance committee came and spoke about using the money toward Activity Center or budget. H&S will discuss usage of such funds at our next meeting.

Principal Ridder was present and proposed a change to the bylaws. It consisted of changing terminology to reflect two votes at two consecutive meetings to approve spending. This practice is already a part of Parish policy. H&S had some difficulty with

the verbiage as they only have meetings every other month. Leighann Forney is going to meet with Vicki and the verbiage will be discussed further and voted on at May's meeting.

The proposal for next year's H&S executive team and committee chairs were passed out. These positions will be voted on at the May meeting.

We are currently purchasing 18 mini iPads for the school with Script money.

This month, H&S is sponsoring a Family Fun Event at SkateDaze on Thursday, April 30th from 1-3 pm. Flyers went home in students book bags.

Our last Family Food Night of the school year is on May 12th at Chipotle. Last year we made over \$800.

The next H&S meeting is May 4th at 7pm in the Spanish Room.

**6. Religious Formation Report – Linda Mack**

They received approval for Summer Faith Formation to begin the summer of 2016. Registration forms have gone out for next fall for RF classes.

**7. Pastor Report – Fr. Gary**

Nothing to report.

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

They reviewed the Parish Council guidelines, and the directories were sent out.

They discussed elections for next year's council.

There was an e-mail vote for electrical work going out to baseball fields, and a proposal for advertising on the fence around the field. They approved both as long as advertisements were facing into the field, and they should not obstruct the view of spectators.

They approved the festival request for a time table and the liquor request. Most parishes have a beer garden at their festival as long as it is properly fenced and children don't have entrance to it. The majority of the council was in favor of all requests.

Father feels there should be a procedure through Parish council for anything that has an impact on the parish or parish grounds.

They received a letter from the Archbishop. He has invited St. Patrick's Priest, Principal, and four other staff members to attend a meeting about West Omaha in May. The archdiocese is trying to find out what are the needs out here. The meeting will be May 20th, and Don Ridder, Vicki Payton, Jessica Pulte, Justin Vossen, Stan Kathol, and Father Gary will attend.

## 9. **Principal Advisory Report – PAC Rep - Mr. Wilson - 6th grade Science & Social Studies Teacher**

They are trying a new morning routine. At 8:00am kids come into rooms and put there things away, the pray and say the Pledge of Allegiance. They are going to see if they want to continue it next year.

Mrs. Mann is starting a Twitter page. It will use #angelsfly to connect parents to school.

They are making field trip plans for next year. The staff would like one field trip to be a service project. They feel it is important to show students to give back to the community.

Positives around the school -

PreS - Midland students are coming in two times a week.

Kindergarten - They have been working on spring projects, and they are going to the Gifford Farm.

First grade - They are working on the Rainforest play.

Second grade - They are learning about goods and services and preparing for the 2nd grade store.

Third grade - The baby chickens came today. They will be taking care of them.

Fourth grade - They had Pioneer day today.

Fifth grade - 4-H is coming to present about Chemistry and Forces in Motion

Sixth grade - They are beginning an Astronomy Unit.

Seventh grade - They went to Boys & Girls Town to walk in the steps of Father Flannigan.

Eighth grade - They just returned from the Washington DC trip.

The staff has also been discussing end of the year school year, technology, and last day of school dismissals.

## 10. **Committee Representatives**

### **Finances – Ann/Kevin -**

They have a meeting coming up Wednesday night. They have already released information on the tuition increase and registration fees staying the same. Budget looks good.

### **Facilities/Safety Minutes – Nick & Bill -**

A law enforcement officer looked at the security plans and was happy with them. They discussed the procedure for handling a school shooting.

#### **a. Policy/Calendar/Communication – John & Carrie**

Nothing to report.

#### **b. School Improvement – Bill & Don**

They went over the in-service plans for next year. They must include the 30 hours for School of Faith. The presenter they have had this year has done a good job. The teachers are walking away from the training feeling good about it. Don feels it

is important for the staff to become closer to their faith. They will then be able to model that to the students.

**c. Recruitment – Carrie & Nick**

They have scheduled a meeting for the end of the year. They are still giving lots of tours.

There was discussion about promoting the school by advertising statistics of successful current students as well as alumni.

**d. Other discussion items you have**

The Athletic Committee banquet will be on Friday, April 24th. They are offering scholarships for one Eighth grade girl and one boy.

Reminder that the concession stand is in full swing for t-ball and micro soccer. You can sign up to work the stand. Whoever registers their child for t-ball or micro soccer will get an e-mail invite to sign up to work the stand. They will take food donations for the stand.

We are now going to offer school approved polos on the Lands End website. Previously, we offered PE uniforms and Cobalt blue micro-fleeces for middle school students as well as shorts, pants, socks, and belts for all students on the school approved page. A portion of the proceeds goes back to the school for items ordered on the school approved page.

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

Don presented the strategic plan. He asked the school board members look at it, and at the next meeting, we will vote to approve it. The entire plan comes from our school improvement team which is made up of all the teachers and Don.

Mrs. Smith & Mrs. McElhose will not be coming back next year. Applicants were interviewed, and Emily Knapton,, and Kelsy Swanson were hired. Emily is the co-author of Writing Without Tears, and Kelsy is currently teaching at a Plattview Elementary.

Tawnya Mann is moving to Technology. Kyle Peters was hired as the new PE teacher. He is a UNK graduate.

Karlene Tyler got a job with UNO, so she is not coming back. Carrie Peters was hired for the position. She has 17 years of guidance experience.

There are several TA positions to fill. They are as follows: PreK PM, 5th grade PM, Kindergarten, TEAM 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th.

The school received \$1100 for magazine reorders. This is only for reorders. The magazine company will not be coming back to the school.

Shamrock Stride - They are looking to designate what the money raised will go towards. One idea is finishing the sidewalk around the building.

The Archdiocese has updated their Immunization Policy. It no longer supports anyone who says they won't immunize because of religious beliefs. Parents will need a release from a medical doctor to excuse anyone from getting the shots. Some chicken pox and ebola vaccinations are being made from aborted fetuses. These will be excused for religious beliefs. This will be effective in the fall of 2015.

**12. Other items**

None

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

None

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

Bill asked for a motion to move to executive session. Kevin motioned, and Ann seconded. Carrie motioned to end executive session, and Ann seconded.

**15. Adjournment**

Derek motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Kevin seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm. The meeting closed with the Our Father. The next meeting will be Monday, May 11th, at 6:30pm.