

**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015  
6:30PM CONFERENCE ROOM**

**Board Members:**

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

**Others in attendance:**

Fr. Gary Ostrander  
Don Ridder  
Nick Mumm  
H&S Representative - Kara Hogan-Beller  
PAC Representative - not present  
RF Representative - not present

1. **Opening Prayer** - The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by. The meeting began with the 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** - Derek motioned to approve the minutes from April and Carrie seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
4. **President's Report – School Board President**  
Kevin Ortmeier is not running again. John Morrow is running again. Alisha Beran & Tim Kremer are new candidates.
5. **Home and School Report – H & S Vice Pres. – Kara Hogan-Beller**  
H&S had their last meeting on Monday, May 4th.

Angel Dollars has new vendors. They are Applebees, Bravo!, Cheesecake Factory, Dairy Queen, Paradise Bakery, and Texas Roadhouse. Check out the website as more are added all the time. Remember, 40% of all proceeds go toward Activity Fund!

Box Tops contests are ongoing, and there is one more drawing before the end of the school year so please trim and turn in. Thank you!

SkateDaze was a great Family Fun Event! Over 140 people were present, and we raised about \$200. This is about average for a family food night, so it was a big success.

The last Family Food Night is Tuesday, May 12th @ Chipotle on 178th and Center. It was our biggest family food night fundraiser last year, raising over \$800.00

Remember to place your order for School Supply Kits for the fall semester. Online ordering is open now until June 15th. Save yourself time and money.

By-laws were updated. The terminology of the by-law verbiage was updated to be in alignment with parish guidelines.

H&S voted unanimously to gift the school \$40,000 towards Science, Writing, English and Grammar curriculum only.

The new H&S officers and open committee chairs were voted on and approved. The new Officers are Alexis Beller - President, Kara Hogan-Beller - Vice-President, Melanie Eich - Treasurer, and Amy Wiegert - Secretary.

Don wanted to thank the outgoing officers for what they have done, as well as welcome the new officers.

The new officers will go over the budget for 2015-2016 with Don & Kelly tomorrow.

The next H&S meeting will be next fall.

**6. Religious Formation Report –**  
Nothing to report.

**7. Pastor Report – Fr. Gary**  
Last week's bulletin has an article about the new principal. The new principal will be coming to visit June 13-14. He will be meeting the staff this Thursday.

**8. Parish Pastoral Council Report – Fr. Gary**  
They will be meeting this Thursday. Nothing to report.

**9. Principal Advisory Report – PAC Rep - Mary Jo McElhose - Kindergarten**  
Mary Jo was unable to attend the meeting, so Don reported for her.

PAC has been going over 8th grade graduation and expectations for the remainder of the year. They have also been preparing for summer school.

Positives for each grade level:

Preschool & Pre-K - Their caterpillars are eating and growing. They hope to see them become butterflies before May 20th.

Kindergarten - They are learning to tell time. The students are doing so well with telling time on the hour that they are learning to tell time on the half hour.

First Grade - Rainforest practice is in full swing for their performance on May 15th.

Second Grade - They just received 1st Communion and are so excited about it.

Third Grade - The chickens are hatching. They will go to the Rose Theater to see Charlotte's Web.

Fourth Grade - The students had a great time at Pioneer Day.

Fifth Grade - They helped with Grandparent's Day and did a great job.

Sixth Grade - They delivered May baskets to the residents at Marquis Place. They residents and the students both enjoyed this.

Seventh Grade - They went to Boys Town to walk in the footsteps of Father Flanagan.

Eighth Grade - They are preparing for Confirmation at the end of the month and trying to finish the school year strong. They had a great trip to DC; they even got to tour the White House.

## 10. Committee Representatives

a. Finances – Ann/Kevin/Don

The budget for next year looks good.

b. Facilities/Safety Minutes – Nick & Bill

They haven't met since last meeting, so nothing to report  
Their next meeting will be coming up in July.

c. Policy/Calendar/Communication – John & Carrie

Don met with new Kindergarten teachers. They would like to have the kids come for a half day of school before school starts to help get them acclimated.

The board voted to approve a half day of Kindergarten on the 12th of August.

Derek motioned to approve the vote, and Ann seconded.

d. School Improvement – Derek & Don

Bill suggested that we vote yearly on the school improvement plan. Derek motioned to adopt the strategic plan, and Carrie seconded. The strategic plan was approved. Bill suggested that we have an SIP report as well as the PAC report at the school board meetings each month.

e. Recruitment – Carrie & Nick

They are still giving tours. They ran another advertisement for the school in the Douglas County Gazette, and they are putting more ads in bulletins of parishes without schools.

They projected number of students is 830 for next year.

They are seeing more 5th, 6th, & 7th graders touring so that they can get into the high school of their choice, and are at least maintaining the numbers in the middle school.

f. Other discussion Items you have

Christina asked if they handbook is reviewed each summer. Don asked that all handbook questions be taken up with him to be reviewed.

Athletic Committee - Kevin was not present.

## 11. Principal's Report – Don/Nick

Mandy Grabbe is leaving St. Patrick's for Blair. It is much closer to her family. They are working to replace her. She will be missed!

All other teacher positions are filled, but there are still TA positions open. They are one PreK afternoon position, two Kindergarten position for 2 days/week, and one 5th grade afternoon position.

Shamrock Stride Update - They met last week. The theme will be "3rd Times a Charm". They will have a dunk tank and/or possibly a tank filled with Lucky Charms. They are bringing back the obstacle course returns. They are in the process of applying for permission to walk through the neighborhood. The fundraising is going well. They have a few sponsors for the walk. They haven't set the goal amount yet. It will be more than last year.

Other - nothing.

**12. Other items**

Get Set for School date needs consideration. Kara suggests having a separate date for new parents. H & S is coming up with new ideas for parents who are returning to fill out paperwork online, while having a new process for new families. Kara suggested making it closer to start school date, so as not to interrupt the last few days of summer. She also suggested using the computer for online paperwork. Bill said he would be willing to work with the H&S help with the efficiency of the back to school process.

**13. Audience Petitions (at discretion of the President) none**

**14. Executive session – School Board Only none**

**15. Adjournment**

Derek motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ann seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm. The meeting closed with the Our Father. The next meeting will be Monday, June 15th, at 6:30pm at Christina Diers' home.