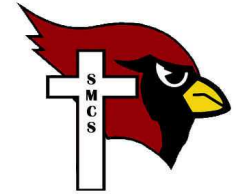


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**EAC Meeting**  
**March 2, 2009**  
**6:00 pm**

**Members Present:** Fr. Tschakert, Kelly Neill, Dave Houska, Craig Hansen, Jo Lee, and Angie Brown. Mike Wolles will join us at 6:20.

Fr. Tschakert opened the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Lee called the meeting to order and asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda.

Additions: No curriculum and no marketing  
Add Item F: Technology will be a standard item for committee reports.

Mr. Houska motioned to accept agenda. Mrs. Brown seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes are approved as corrected.

Motion to accept previous minutes with corrections was made by Mr. Hansen and seconded by Mrs. Brown. Motion carried.

**Administrative Reports:**

Kelly Neill

**March**

- 9<sup>th</sup>-End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
- 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>-South Dakota Mobile Science Lab is here
- 27<sup>th</sup>-NO SCHOOL!
- 29<sup>th</sup>-Carnival!
- We learned about St. Blaise this month. St. Blaise is the patron saint of throat ailments. Father came and blessed the throats of staff and students. The month of March is dedicated to St. Katharine Drexel.
- Each Monday during Lent, the lower elementary grades will be leading a Lenten Prayer Service. It takes place at the beginning of the school day on the main level of the elementary building.
- Even though conference night ended up being on the same night as a ball game and we had some sick teachers, overall the turnout was good.
- The 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Science Fair took place on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the SFO for providing plaques for the winners.
- Confirmation for sophomores was held on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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- Practice for the spring play has begun. Ms. Stahly and Mrs. Schultz are in charge of the play. Performance date is April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in the secondary will be taking the Dakota Step test in April. Grades 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> will be taking the Science portion of the test in addition to Reading and Math. Practice testing will occur at the end of the month.
- Frozen Food sales ended the last week in February. Food will be delivered on March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Girls are in district play right now. Boys will begin district play on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. We wish both teams the best of luck during the post season.
- I met with the properties committee (Dick Klein) on the security project. I have also contacted Marty Franken from Dakota Security about updates on the project.
- Kudos to Jennifer Ruesink and all our staff for their dedication and professionalism during this past week. We are blessed to have such committed and caring people. Please let them know that!

Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> in the MS commons, there will be a grief forum. Mrs. Neill will send a letter home this week.

Tentative numbers for PK and KG:  
 17 for KG—10 for KG plus— 3 are girls  
 16 for PK—10 for PK Plus.—8 each

Update on security:

Mrs. Neill met with Dick Klein and also with Marty Franken. They discussed not installing card readers on the north and south side of the hall, and on the door that leads to the presentation room. They have the capacity to add a card reader in the future if they decide to do so. Discussion ensued on key cards.

### **Committee Reports**

Marketing/Retention (Mrs.Lee): No report.

Finance (Mr. Wolles): Approved revised budget.

Curriculum (Mrs. Brown): No report.

Policy (Mr. Hansen): Distributed Parent Student Handbook and suggested revisions.

Planning (Mr. Houska): Reunion committee met on Feb. 15 and has chosen August 14 & 15 as the dates for the reunion. We discussed plan and tours. Discussion ensued on alumni.

Technology Report will be under New Business.

Motion to accept all reports was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. Hansen.  
 Motion carried.

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**Old Business:**

Spring parent meeting:

Mrs. Neill questioned holding a spring meeting. Finding a date has become more difficult as people continue to be so busy. Mr. Wolles suggested one meeting a year instead of two. Discussion ensued on spring meeting and a speaker.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Policy Book ensued.

**New business:**

Technology update: Mr. Hansen distributed information regarding technology, inventory, tactical and strategic needs, and plans. The committee would like our computer curriculum and technology to keep up with each other and stay on the leading edge of technology. Computers will be removed from the GS lab. The EAC went over the report and discussion ensued.

Fr. Tschakert asked if we had the money in our budget for updating our technology and Mr. Wolles stated affirmatively.

Mr. Hansen asked for any concerns and the EAC didn't have any at this time.

Mr. Wolles suggested sending a letter requesting extra funds for computers and to state a specific price.

Motion to enter executive session at 8:45 pm was made by Mr. Hansen and seconded by Mrs. Brown. Motion carried.

Mr. Houska motioned to end executive session at 9:30 pm and Mr. Wolles seconded.

Next regular meeting will be April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

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