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EAC Meeting
April 6, 2009
6:00 pm

Members Present: Fr. Tschakert, Kelly Neill, Dave Houska, Craig Hansen, Jo Lee, Mike Wolles and Angie Brown.

Father Tschakert opened the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Lee called the meeting to order and asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Father Tschakert requested that school calendar be added under new business, Item B. Item A under Old Business, By-law review, will be tabled until next month.

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

Motion to accept previous minutes was made by Mr. Wolles and seconded by Mr. Hansen. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports:

Mrs. Kelly Neill

April

- 3rd-Stations of the Cross
- 6th-Prairie Valley Reading Days for the lower elementary
- 8th-In-service with Jennifer Reecy
- 9th-13th-NO SCHOOL!
- 15^h-Curriculum Maps due
- 15th-POs for 2009-2010 School Year Due
- 15th-Midterm
- 15th-Mount Marty Choir and Jazz Band to perform for grades K-12
- 16th-Play...Matinee @ 2:00pm, performance at 6pm
- 17th-Kindergarten Screening
- 17th-Play Performance @ 7pm
- 17th-Dakota Step Window Closes
- 19th-First Communion
- 20th-Padre's Luncheon
- 23rd-Catholic Principal's Meetings
- 24th-Student Body Elections
- 27th-Whispering Winds Contest @ Baltic

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- 30th-Quiz Bowl at Dell Rapids
- May 1st-Elementary Concert
- May 2nd-Prom
- We focused on St. Katharine Drexel for March. She is the newest American Saint. It was great for the students to see a “real person” as a saint. April is dedicated to Saint George. St. George is known for being bold and cheerful in proclaiming his faith, even in the face of death.
- Quiz Bowls are in full swing. Our teams are doing great! We will be hosting a Quiz Bowl at our school on April 30th. As of right now, we have 7 schools signed up to attend.
- Dakota Step testing is beginning. Grades 3-8th and grade 11 will be tested.
- We are working with Student Council to develop a final Cardinal Family activity for the year. We were able to complete one activity each nine weeks this year. Curriculum choices for English, Economics, and Phonics have been made for next year. English and Economics are going with Glenco. Grades K-2nd will stick with Saxon for Phonics, with grades 3rd – 6th implementing Sonday in their classrooms.

Discussed Dakota step testing-there are a few tests left to make up.

Father Tschakert said contracts have been issued; a few of them have been turned in. Due date is April 15th, by the end of the day.

Committee Reports

Marketing/Retention (Mrs.Lee): She received a very nice thank you from a family for the bibs that were sent out.

Finance (Mr. Wolles): The carnival went well. Father may put something in the bulletin explaining where surplus may go-facilities and technology. Father is happy about the church support.

Curriculum (Mrs. Brown): On March 24, Mrs. Neill, Mrs. Hof and Mrs. Brown went over the school improvement plan. The committee will review and revise action items 1 and 2. We are hoping that some other schools will share their plans; we have shared ours. We were the 1st Catholic school in the state to be accredited under the new system. Mrs. Neill has a master copy in her office and there will be an appendix attached to it, with the revisions. Parents are always being informed of what is going on, in Thursday tidbits, etc.

Policy (Mr. Hansen): No report. Handbook will be discussed under Old Business.

Planning (Mr. Houska): Reunion committee met on March 15. They are currently working on catering, etc. Committee may be sending any save the date invites this summer.

Technology (Mr. Hansen): The committee has been working hard installing the new monitors. Thirty new monitors were ordered at a cost of \$3270. They come with a one

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year warranty. A new server will be purchased and installed this summer. Mr. Mike Pica is working with a Dell representative to get the best prices on new computers. Discussion ensued on the network infrastructure and the phone system.

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

Old Business:

Bylaw Review: Delay until next month.

Policy: Discussion on the handbook ensued. Mr. Hansen handed out the new handbooks with the revisions, with changes listed on the right hand side.

New business:

A. Transportation: Dell Rapids Public School is going to go to contract bussing. Mr. Wolles went to the DRPS school meetings. He got a list of requirements from that meeting that he presented to the EAC. The school board will vote on Monday, April 13th on which company to go with.

B. School calendar: Mrs. Neill received the Dell Rapids Public School calendar last week; school starting Aug. 18th, 2009. Inservice and teacher work day will be before that. May 13th will be the last day of school. Our calendar will be very similar to this year. The St. Mary Carnival is scheduled on Palm Sunday. Easter is April 4th. We will end the semester before Christmas again; the teachers liked this. Conference schedule will remain the same.

Motion to enter executive session at 8:20 pm was made by Mr. Hansen and seconded by Mrs. Brown. Motion carried.

Motion to end executive session was made by Mrs. Brown at 9:10 pm and seconded by Mr. Hansen. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mr. Houska at 9:11 and seconded by Mr. Wolles. Motion carried.

Next regular meeting will be May 4th, at 6:00 pm.

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