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**EAC Meeting**  
**May 7, 2009**  
**6:00 pm**

**Members Present:** Fr. Tschakert, Kelly Neill, Dave Houska, Mike Wolles, and Jo Lee.

**Guest:** Rose Brown

Father Tschakert opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Wolles called the meeting to order and asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Delete Code of Conduct under New Business; delayed until June meeting. Father would like to talk about Centennial for a few minutes. Item A under new business will be discussed first.

Mr. Wolles motioned to accept agenda. Mr. Houska seconded. Motion carried.

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

Mrs. Rose Brown came in to discuss the grading scale that St. Mary's uses compared to other private and public schools, including weighted grading. Further discussion ensued on the grading scale. Mrs. Lee recommended that a report be done on the last five years in whether or not a change in the grading scale would make a difference. Further discussion will take place at the June meeting.

**Administrative Reports:**

Mrs. Kelly Neill

**May**

- 1<sup>st</sup>-Elementary Concert
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-Prom
- 4<sup>th</sup>-DARE Graduation for 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- 5<sup>th</sup>-Spanish II to SF
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Recognition
  - Activities Banquet @ 6:30pm
- 7<sup>th</sup>-Anatomy Field Trip to SDSU
  - 4<sup>th</sup> graders to DeSmet
  - JH Track @ Estelline
- 8<sup>th</sup>-7-12 Spring Concert
- 11<sup>th</sup>-Community Service Forms due
- 12<sup>th</sup>-Juniors to Blue Cloud Abby

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- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to the Lewis and Clark Center
- 14<sup>th</sup>-Seniors Last Day
  - DVC Track @ Estelline
- 15<sup>th</sup>-Graduation @ 7pm
  - K-2 to the Zoo
  - Semester Test in Blocks 3 & 4
- 18<sup>th</sup>-LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!
  - Semester Test in Blocks 1 & 2
  - Dismissal at 1pm
  - State Golf
- 19<sup>th</sup>-Teacher Work Day
- 21<sup>st</sup>-Region Track
- June 9<sup>th</sup>-Kelly's Last day!
- We focused on St. George during the month of April. St. George was cheerful and professed his faith to all round him. We completed a Cardinal Family Activity, led by the Student Council. Families went about town picking up trash.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade students shadowed the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. Mrs. Ruesink and myself also met with them to help prepare them for junior high.
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents met with Mrs. Ruesink to receive information on the pathways to graduation, as well as courses for Freshmen.
- Registration for classes for the 2009-2010 school year will begin the first week of May.
- The SFO held a teacher appreciation breakfast...we thank them for all they do to help our teachers.
- Kristie Haffner, from SDSU, student taught with Mr. Flemmer this semester. She did a great job and we were very fortunate to have her with us!
- Donations for computers have been coming in. We thank everyone for their generosity! The new monitors are here and they look great!
- Matt Althoff, Director of Catholic Schools, visited the last week in April. He had wonderful things to say about our staff and our students. He is very impressed with the great things happening here every day!

Father commended Joni Smith on the Elementary concert; Dave Houska agreed. They both said it was the best concert ever, and that she has wonderful ideas to get all of the kids excited.

Kelly said that the High School students are in the process of registering for classes next year. Some students have expressed interest in taking College Algebra. Discussion ensued on what SMHS expense would be for this.

**Centennial**-Father asked if there is a budget for this. It was determined that the picnic expenses can be added into the budget for next year.

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## **Committee Reports**

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

**Finance (Mr. Wolles):** Mr. Wolles handed out the finance reports. \$170,000 was made on the Carnival. Some of that will be used for Technology. Some discussion ensued on the financial report.

**Curriculum (Mrs. Brown):** No report.

**Policy (Mr. Hansen):** No report.

**Planning (Mr. Houska):** No report.

**Technology (Mr. Hansen):** No report.

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

### **Old Business:**

**A. Policy**-delay until June meeting.

### **New business:**

- A. Parent Information on Grading Scale:** discussed before administrative and committee reports.
- B. School calendar:** Very similar to DRPS. Conferences will be the same. Same start date as DRPS, August 18th-so as to end semester before Christmas. Last day of school is May 12<sup>th</sup>. Homecoming will be different than DRPS. Graduation is May 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Wolles motioned to accept the calendar, Mr. Houska seconded.
- C. Code of Conduct:** Delayed until June meeting
- D. Resolution for Membership in SDHSAA-** Mr. Wolles motioned to accept membership into the SDHSAA, Mr. Houska seconded. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:34 was made by Mr. Houska, and seconded by Mr. Wolles. Motion carried.

Next regular meeting will be June 1, at 6:00 pm.

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