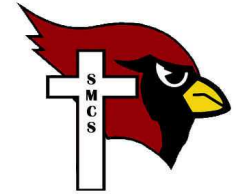


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**EAC Meeting**  
**October 6, 2008**

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

Stacey Scholten-Student Council president was present also.

Father opened the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Lee called the meeting to order. Mrs. Lee asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. Father wanted to review the security report. It was added in old business under item C-Security and Assessment. Mrs. Brown motioned to accept agenda, Mr. Hansen seconded. Motion carried.

Father talked about the Diocesan meeting that he attended. There are 150 parishes left, 184 are closed; 92 priests are serving those parishes.

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

**Administrative Reports:**  
**Kelly Neill-Principal reports**  
**October**

- 9<sup>th</sup>-Technology Day
- 13<sup>th</sup>-NO SCHOOL!
- 16<sup>th</sup>-Quarter ends
- 23<sup>rd</sup>-Chemistry Demonstration
- 27<sup>th</sup>-NO SCHOOL...In-service Day
- 29<sup>th</sup>-Avera sponsored Flu Shot Clinic at the school 3pm until 7pm
- 31<sup>st</sup>-Picture Retakes
  
- We made rosaries in our Cardinal families and these rosaries will be sent to missions. The month of October is devoted to St. Francis of Assisi. Teachers at both the elementary and JH/HS level have done a great job of incorporating information about the Saint we are focusing on into their classroom.
- Safe Environment tests are coming in. There is a link for our parents on the web. All tests returned by October 1<sup>st</sup> were eligible for our drawing for free Scrip.

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Thank you to the SFO for providing this for us! We will be sending individual reminders to those who have not taken their test. Our goal is to try to have everyone done by November.

- Miss South Dakota America, Alexandra Hoffman, visited with the junior high and high school students in September about performance enhancing drugs. Her presentation was very informative.
- Homecoming went well. A BIG thank you to Joni Smith and Cami Fitzgerald. They did a great job in lining things up and ensuring that everything went well. I thank them for their guidance and steadfastness in lining things up for that week.
- Our Fall sports teams are doing well...thank you to our parents and teachers for keeping our students grounded during this time.
- Technology Day is going to be a success! Mrs. Weiland has done a great job in planning this day. We have invited some public school classes to share in this day.
- Conferences went well. Teachers commented on liking the new format...school until 1:30pm and then conferences until 8pm.

### **Committee Reports**

Marketing/Retention (Mrs.Lee)- Mrs. Lee doesn't have the letters ready yet, will have for next meeting. The slogan for this year is "Telling the Next Generation". She will try to have the letters to the printers by Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Commented that Brian Phelps has done a very nice job on this. This year, t-shirts will be given, instead of the magnetic crosses.

Finance (Mr. Wolles)-No report. Next month will be the quarterly report. Mrs. Lee asked if Dave Chapman could separate some of the categories in the budget. Father Tschakert said that the software program is difficult to work with. Mrs. Lee suggested that maybe Father Tschakert and Mr. Wolles could meet and discuss it.

Curriculum (Mrs. Brown): Mrs. Brown will have LaNessa Hof, Curriculum Director, come in next month to discuss curriculum. LaNessa will give us a Curriculum Review cycle update. This year the rotation is Spelling and Phonics in Elementary, and Reading in Grades 7-12. Mrs. Brown gave Mr. Hansen a copy of the School Improvement Plan.

Policy (Mr. Hansen)- No report.

Planning (Mr. Houska)- Mr. Houska has spoken with Jack Majeres and will provide more information later. Alice Majeres and Lois Brown are co-chairs of the centennial.

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

### **Old Business:**

Bylaw review: Mr. Hansen made the changes discussed at the prior meeting, and reviewed them with everyone. Mr. Hansen added Constitution at the top.

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Motion to accept the changes to pages 6-9 was made by Mrs. Brown, Mr. Wolles seconded. Second reading will be at the November meeting.

Next month, by-law review on pages 10-12: Finance 003, Buildings/Properties 004, and transportation 005.

Technology Update: Mr. Hansen visited with Dell for cost estimates, and since we are a school, we would be eligible for some free things. Mr. Hansen also visited with Mrs. Weiland, K-12 computer teacher, to find out what her needs are and will be in the future. They determined that the number one priority is the High School Lab. Mr. Hansen is also planning a meeting with Brian Gaspar, Network Administrator.

Security and Safety Assessment Report: Mr. Houska was working on possibly getting some equipment from Citibank, but that may not happen. Father may ask Jerry Rush to see if he would have anything. Mrs. Neill has done a grant proposal to Homeland Security, at the request of Matt Althoff. Right now, there is no coverage in the Middle School, could do something simple there. Father asked if there was a justified need to update all of the security-Mr. Houska doesn't think so. He also said that the price they have received from Dakota Security is a good deal. The EAC will wait to see how the grant with Homeland Security turns out.

**New Business:**

Supervision Schedule:

Tim DeJong will cover any football playoff games.

October 9-Volleyball-Angie

October 13-Volleyball-Angie

October 17-Football-Craig

October 21-Volleyball-Dave

October 23-Tim

October 24-Tim

Motion made by Mr. Houska to go into executive session at 8:02 pm. Mr. Hansen seconded. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. Wolles to go out of executive session at 8:29 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 by Mr. Houska and seconded by Mr. Hansen Motion carried. Next meeting will be November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm.

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