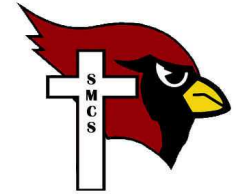


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**EAC Meeting**  
**March 2, 2010**  
**6:00 pm**

Members present were Kelly Neill, Dave Houska, Mike Wolles, Angie Brown, Craig Hansen and Jo Lee.

Guest: Joni Smith and Chelsey Mason.

Mr. Houska opened the meeting in prayer.

Mr. Houska called the meeting to order and asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Add Mrs. Joni Smith/Band Trip; this will be discussed before committee reports. Old business: policy will be in committee reports.

Mrs. Brown motioned to accept agenda and Mr. Hansen seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Joni Smith discussed band trip in Omaha zoo on May 30<sup>th</sup>. They will have a 20-30 minute performance. Bus will depart at 6:45 am; 11 am performance. Stay at the zoo until 5 pm, go to Dave and Buster's dinner and games, arriving home at midnight. Monday is the Memorial Day Performance in Dells. Discussion ensued on pricing. Jo Lee suggested that she ask Booster Club for funds. Joni will email her a letter. EAC thanked Mrs. Smith for telling them about the trip, and hoped that all the kids have a good time representing St. Mary's.

**Administrative Reports:**

**March**

- 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade leads Lenten prayer
- 1<sup>st</sup>-BBB Districts @ Lake Preston
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-Student Council President/Vice President Speeches
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-Pajamarama @ 7pm
- 4<sup>th</sup>-Deacon Harold Sivers presentation to high school students @ 2:15
- 8<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade leads Lenten prayer
- 8<sup>th</sup>-Student Council Elections
- 9<sup>th</sup>-Semester Testing for blocks 1 and 3
- 10<sup>th</sup>-Semester Testing for blocks 2 and 4
- 10<sup>th</sup>-End of the Quarter
- 11<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade to SDSU Women in Science
- 12<sup>th</sup>-NO SCHOOL!
- 15<sup>th</sup>-Kindergarten leads Lenten prayer

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- 16<sup>th</sup>-Spring Parent Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> grade leads Lenten prayer
- 25<sup>th</sup>-Sophomores to SF Career Expo
- 26<sup>th</sup>-Teacher In-service
- 28<sup>th</sup>-CARNIVAL!!!
- 29<sup>th</sup>-Specials Teachers lead Lenten prayer
- 29<sup>th</sup>-Dakota Step Window Opens
- 29<sup>th</sup>-DARE Graduation at Dell Rapids Public School, not St. Mary's.
- 29<sup>th</sup>-State Student Council convention
- April 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>-NO SCHOOL!
- Our theme for the school year is the "Corporal Works of Mercy". For February, we focused on "Visit the Imprisoned". We asked for a donation of a quarter from each child to help pay for The Word Among Us for prisoners.
- The month of March we will focus on, "Visit the Sick".
- We will begin the new writing assessment in March. LaNessa Hof and Marsha Weiland have received training on the assessment. They will be training Jennifer Ruesink, Jo Ann Schultz, Lee Palmer, and my self on the assessment.
- The state has extended the testing window for Dakota Step an extra week due to all the snow days schools have experienced.
- Snow days will be made up at the end of the school year. We have had five snow days. We will be making up four of these days. The date of graduation has not changed (May 14<sup>th</sup>), but the last day of school will now be May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- NCEA Convention will be held April 5th through the 8<sup>th</sup>. Lee Palmer, LaNessa Hof, Cami Fitzgerald, Kathy Engeman, and my self will be attending this event. Funding for the convention has come from our budget, as well as the Office of Catholic Schools and donations from the Foresters and Catholic Daughters.

Reading Street is new reading curriculum at St. Mary's for 2010-2011 year.

## Committee Reports

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

**Finance (Mr. Wolles):** Discussion ensued on financial report. Met with Parish Finance Committee, they have not approved the new budget, as some committee members were absent.

**Policy (Mrs. Brown):** 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for weighted averages and weighted classes. Motion to accept the reading was made by Mr. Hansen and seconded by Mrs. Lee. 1<sup>st</sup> reading for Class rank and Inclement Weather/Activities Schedule. Policies in progress: cell phones (bullying, legal issues), new graduation requirements for the freshman class of 2010, and scholastics and extra-curricular activities. Discussion ensued on grading scale.

**Planning (Mr. Houska):** The reunion committee met on 2/28. Discussion on inviting past priests, teachers, etc. Parish Council meets next week to discuss new hall.

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**Technology (Mr. Hansen):** The new sign is up and running. Thanks to all who were involved in hanging the sign. Teacher interviews are written up. Technology committee will have things cleaned up before the reunion.

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

No old business. Policy will be discussed in committee reports.

**New business:**

- A. **Joni Smith/Band Trip:** will discuss before committee reports.
- B. **Boost Program:** Mrs. Weiland runs this program. The kids receive help in Reading and Math. This has proven to be a valuable program that receives the parent's approval before the child participates.

Motion to end the meeting at 8:47 pm was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Lee. Motion carried.

Motion to end executive session and adjournment of meeting at 9:53 pm was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mr. Hansen. Motion carried.

Next regular meeting will be April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

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