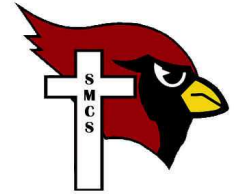


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**EAC Meeting**  
**August 3, 2009**  
**6:00 pm**

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

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.

Add item B under old business: busing

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

Minutes are approved as corrected.

Mrs. Brown motioned to accept minutes with corrections and was seconded Mr. Wolles. Motion carried.

**Administrative Reports:**

Mrs. Kelly Neill

**August**

- 13<sup>th</sup>-Elementary in-service on Sunday System
- 13<sup>th</sup>-Athletic and Activities Meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Work Day and In-service
  - Staff Meetings
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Work Day and Open House
  - Open House will begin at 6:30pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!
  - All School Mass
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Kindergarten Pictures

**September**

- 1<sup>st</sup>- School Pictures
- 7<sup>th</sup>- NO SCHOOL...Labor Day holiday
- Our theme for the school year is “Corporal Works of Mercy”. We hope to educate not only our students, but parents and staff about this element of our faith.
- Safe Environment Training will be on-line again.

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- New computers are here! It is very exciting! Thank you to Craig and the rest of the technology committee for all their help!
- We will have AED/CPR training at our in-service. Father will present and team building activities will occur.
- We will start the year with our magazine fundraiser. We hope that it will be successful.

Father Tschakert commented on the computers being a good thing for our staff and school, thanking Mr. Hansen and the Technology committee.

### **Committee Reports**

**Marketing/Retention (Mrs. Lee):** Father Tschakert is happy with the new families coming in, although there are a few students leaving.

**Finance (Mr. Wolles):** Mr. Wolles handed out year end report to members. Budget expectations were met this past year.

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

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

**Planning (Mr. Houska):** Centennial plans coming along well. Save the Date cards were sent out.

**Technology (Mr. Hansen):** The GS lab has been disassembled; Apple will come in and pick up all of our old computers. The new server has been installed; may not fit in the current cabinet; may need to think about installing a metal framed glass cabinet to house it. Mr. Hansen handed out technology update worksheets to members.

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

### **Old Business:**

- A. Grading Scale:** Mr. Houska handed out information regarding local, area, and parochial schools concerning the ACT, Dakota Step, and grade scales for comparison to St. Mary's current grading system. The information indicated the current grading scale was consistent with other schools used in the comparison. A review of the 5 years graduating classes prior to 2009, confirmed that no student would have benefited by removing pluses and minuses from the grades, but the grade point averages of several students would have declined if the pluses and minuses were removed. These GPAs are often used for scholarship eligibility.

Mrs. Neill was asked to ensure class formation including syllabus, and grade percentage breakdown were included on teachers pages for parents to review.

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**B. Busing:** Mr. Wolles is attending a meeting with the busing company on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Discussion has ensued on the possibility that some kids from St. Mary's may not be picked up by the DRPS busses, because of their location.

**New business:**

**Appointment of Committees:**

**EDUCATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 2009 -2010**

David Houska, Chair of EAC, planning committee, 1<sup>st</sup> year of second term

Angie Brown, Vice-chair of EAC, policy committee, 1st year of second term

Jo Lee, recruitment and public relations, 3<sup>rd</sup> year of second term

Mike Wolles, finance committee, 2nd year of 2<sup>nd</sup> term

Craig Hansen, technology committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> year of first term

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:17 pm by Mr. Houska and seconded by Mrs. Brown.  
Motion carried.

No executive session.

Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 8th, at 6:00 pm.

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