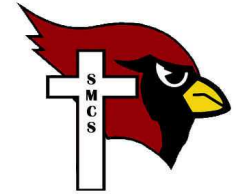


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EAC Meeting
November 2, 2009:
4:30 pm

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

Guest: Mr. Dick Klein

Father Tschakert opened the meeting with prayer.

There was no October meeting.

Mr. Houska called the meeting to order and asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Marketing will have no report. Mr. Dick Klein will present before administrative reports.

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

Mrs. Lee motioned to accept August minutes with corrections and was seconded by Mr. Hansen. Motion carried.

Mrs. Brown motioned to accept September minutes with corrections, and was seconded by Mrs. Lee. Motioned carried.

Mr. Dick Klein, Properties Committee Chairman, presented a report on what has been done on the school grounds. He has talked to the State Fire Marshall, and will get documentation for the files. The ladies room, in the lunchroom, and the handicapped bathroom by the kitchen have both been updated. Discussion ensued on replacing the stage curtains. Middle school roof will have to be replaced next summer; received some insurance money for this. Mr. Hansen asked if the Properties Committee had any plans to make any other repairs before the All School Reunion. Mr. Klein said anyone can let the committee know of any repairs and they will look into it. Mrs. Brown asked if properties committee has been involved in the planning of the new football field. He confirmed that they have been in contact with the Booster Club.

Administrative Reports:

October

- 6th-1st grade to the Orchard
- 7th-Juniors to fall Planning Days
 - 6th grade to Watertown to see the King Tut Exhibit

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- School Wide Rosary to be prayed
- 9th-Think Pink Day...money to go to Avera Cancer Research
- 12th-NO SCHOOL!
 - School Lunch Week
 - “Dig Pink” Event for Volleyball with Baltic
- 15th-2nd & 3rd grade to Lacey Farm
- 19th-End of the 1st quarter
- 22nd-SD Christian Schools Association Meeting in SF
- 26th-St. Mary hosting a Quiz Bowl
 - Picture Retakes
- 30th-In-service Day for Teachers

- Our theme for the school year is the “Corporal Works of Mercy”. For September, we focused on “Sheltering the Homeless”. Part of this work is to welcome strangers to a new community. We presented our news students with St. Mary backpacks and goodies during Homecoming Week.
- The month of October will focus on the work, “Give Drink to the Thirsty”.
- Football, Cross Country and Volleyball are going well. Oral Interpretation has begun as well with their first meet being held on October 1st. Quiz Bowl teams have also begun to practice.
- Homecoming was GREAT! We could not have asked for a better day! There was a lot of behind the scenes work done by our Student Council and their advisors. They began working on Homecoming in May after Student Council elections. Their hard work and careful plan made for a great week. Congratulations to our Homecoming Parade Marshals Dick and Rosalie Gannon. This was a wonderful addition to our parade.
- The 100th year committee is working hard with Mr. Palmer in planning a book. I have given to the committee piles of documents tracing former staff and students.
- The journalism department is doing a fundraiser with Chad Carder to help purchase a new lens for the camera. Check out the check pictures for purchase on Chad’s website at www.carderphoto.com. There is a good picture of an EAC member on there!

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November

- 3rd-Hearing Screens for grade 1, 3 and 5
 - VB Districts begin
- 9th-5th-8th grade basketball practice begins
- 11th-Veteran’s Day Program @ 3pm
 - Red, White and Blue Day
- 13th-HS Principal/AD Meeting for Catholic Schools in SF
- 16th & 17th-Adoration and Father Paul coming to discuss vocations
- 18th-Midterm
- 19th-Catholic Schools Principal Meeting in SF
- 23rd-HS Girls Basketball Practice starts
- 25th-27th-NO SCHOOL!

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- 30th-HS Boys Basketball Practice starts
- Our theme for the school year is the “Corporal Works of Mercy”. For September, we focused on “Give Drink to the Thirsty”. As a school, we shared the website www.freepoverty.com with classrooms and parents. This website helped distribute clean water to those in need. It was a fun geography game that some of us got very good at.
- The month of November will focus on the work, “Give Food to the Hungry”.
- Fall sports are wrapping up. Our girls’ cross country team won the region and did well at the state meet. Two members of the boys’ team, Jon Farmer and Mitchell Roemen, also competed in the state meet. Volleyball and Football season are entering their post season tournaments and playoffs. Basketball practice will begin soon.
- Red Ribbon Week was the last week in October. The student council and National Honor Society planned a week of activities, including a Cardinal Family activity, for our students.
- In-service occurred on Friday, October 30th. We spent most of the day working with technology, but also had Father visited us. Kate Chapman from Volunteer Services of America also talked to the staff about tobacco and new marketing techniques, as well as smokeless tobacco.

In-service Friday, October 30th, Mrs. Weiland introduced staff to web information, including how to build a website. Father Tschakert discussed mass changes with the staff. Kate Chapman from the VOA, came and presented to the staff as well. The Great American smoke out is Nov. 19th. We will be focusing on smokeless tobacco. A parent donated lunch to the staff on in-service day.

The State Health Inspector came and Mary Hoffman and staff received a perfect score for the kitchen!

Committee Reports

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

Finance (Mr. Wolles): Mr. Wolles met with Dave Chapman and that it is tracking according to budget.

Policy (Mrs. Brown): We are nearing time of discussing policy review and making changes. Before the next meeting, Mrs. Brown asked Mrs. Neill to get staff input of any changes to the policy, giving them a deadline. Mrs. Neill and Mrs. Brown will meet before the next meeting as well. Next meeting bylaws and job descriptions will be discussed.

Planning (Mr. Houska): No report.

Technology (Mr. Hansen): Mr. Hansen gave EAC members an updated sheet. HS lab was wired lab last month. Five more machines have been ordered; all teacher machines

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replaced now. Father requested a new one. They are still talking about replacing the cabinet as well.

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

Old Business:

- A. **Building and Grounds Update:** moved ahead of committee reports.

New business:

- A. **Parent Survey for Students Who Have Left Our School:** tabled until December meeting. Mrs. Neill handed out the surveys for members to review.

- B. **Message Board:** EAC was made aware of the intent to purchase a new message from Daktronics.

Motion to enter executive session at 5:45 pm was made by Mrs. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Brown. Motion carried.

Motion to end executive session was made by Mr. Hansen at 6:12 pm and seconded by Mrs. Lee. Motion carried.

Next regular meeting will be Dec. 7th at 6:00 pm.

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