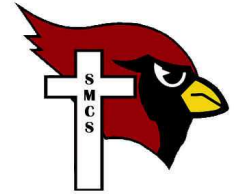


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EAC Meeting
December 7, 2009:
6:30 pm (6:45)

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

Guest: Mr. and Mrs. Scott Nelson and Mrs. Shelly Geraets

Father Tschakert opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Houska called the meeting to order and asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. and Mrs. Scott Nelson and Mrs. Shelly Geraets will speak before administrative reports.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Nelson and Mrs. Shelly Geraets were in to discuss early dismissals and notification of parents.

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

Administrative Reports:

December

- 3rd-JH/HS Christmas Concert
- 4th-Elementary Christmas Concert and Art Display
 - Food Drive ends
- 6th-First Reconciliation for 2nd grade
- 7th-East Central Honor Band
- 8th-All School Mass
- 9th-Juniors take the ASVAB
- 14th-Anatomy Field Trip to Brookings
 - Semester Test Exemptions Due
- 15th-Circle of Grace to be completed
- 16th-8th grade to the Guthrie Theatre
- 21st-Semester testing blocks 2 and 4
 - Elementary Report cards go home
 - 3rd grade book signing

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- 22nd-Semester testing block 1 and 3
 - End of 2nd quarter
- 28th-JH/HS grades are due
- Our theme for the school year is the “Corporal Works of Mercy”. For September, we focused on “Feed the Hungry”. As a school, we shared the website www.freerice.com with classrooms and parents. This website played trivia games in different academic areas and donated rice to hungry populations. We also participated in the annual food drive.
- The month of December will focus on the work, “Clothe the Naked”.
- Fall sports are done. Things went very smoothly in our trip to the Dome. Thank you to everyone to help out in any way to make that a memorable time for our school. Basketball practice is in full swing.
- Teacher evaluations are under way. Things are looking very good within our classrooms!
- Jenny Burkhart and Andrew Fiegen will represent St. Mary at East Central Honor Band this month. Kylie Rush also will be competing in the State Oral Interp meeting in Sioux Falls as well.
- Mrs. Engeman and the elementary teachers are wrapping up their “Circle of Grace” lessons for the Diocese’s Safe Environment training.
- The upper elementary teachers have been leading the elementary in weekly Advent prayer.

Committee Reports

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

Finance (Mr. Wolles): No report.

Policy (Mrs. Brown): Mrs. Brown handed out staff compilations on the policy changes and questions. Junior High requirements will be added to the handbook, as well as the FERPA letter-confidentiality privacy act for schools. Honor roll to be posted at end of each semester, not at end of each quarter as is written now. Discussion ensued on code of conduct, weighted grading, 2010 graduation requirements, and cell phone usage.

Planning (Mr. Houska): The reunion committee met on Nov. 22. They have set an agenda to discuss t-shirts, invitation, school tours and updating the reunion book.

Technology (Mr. Hansen): Handed out information sheets to members. Discussion ensued. Committee meeting was Saturday, December 5. Next spring the focus will be software.

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

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Old Business:

- A. **Message Board:** Has been purchased and should arrive by the end of December, beginning of January. The technology committee will install the network cable.

New business:

- A. EAC to look at revising the retention survey. Discussion ensued.

Game schedule: Mrs. Neill can cover all except Dec. 15th. Mrs. Lee or Mr. Wolles will take care of this. January 9th Mr. Houska will cover.

Motion to end the meeting at 8:36 pm was made by Mrs. Lee and seconded by Mr. Hansen. Motion carried.

Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, Jan 6th at 6:00 pm.

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