

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish School
School Advisory Commission Minutes
2/14/2023
6:15 pm

Attendees:

Father Will, Principal Tina Ellefson, Mark Roedl (Chair), Marybeth Schessow, Sara Beecher, John Bowser, Adam White

Not in attendance: Sarah Bindl, Jennifer Wendorf, Angela Zwald

Guests: None

Call to Order:

Mark Roedl called the meeting to order at 6:15p.m.

Opening Prayer:

Opening prayer was led by Fr. Will.

Introduction of Guests:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Marybeth Schessow made a motion to approve the January minutes followed by Mark Roedl. All approved.

Good News

Jennifer Wendorf reported that she had a great time at Glitz! She also encouraged attendance at the home SKDS basketball games. It's a wonderful way to interact and meet other SKDS families.

Tina Ellefson reported lots of thank you's from the community helpers lunch during Catholic Schools Week.

Mark Roedl suggested further engagement with the Parish during Catholic Schools Week.

Adam White reported that he had a great time at Glitz and has told others about the event.

Pastor's Report - Father Will

Reminded the SAC about the ministry fair on March 11th and 12th. SAC will have a table and will have the opportunity to promote the school and available ministries within the school and SAC.

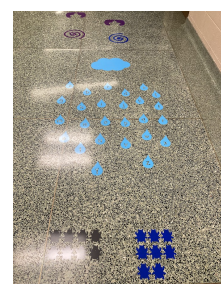
Market, promote and educate the use of Scrip.

Fr. Will reviewed notes from the Stewardship meeting minutes. All good ideas to engage school families.

The Archdiocese does not want parishes to sponsor Scouts in fiscal 23/24 due to liability.

Principal's Report - Tina Ellefson

- On Friday, January 13 Diana Skare hosted a 4K Grade Level meeting in her classroom with Ashley Jansma the 4K coordinator for BDUSD and other 4K teachers from the district. During the meeting Britany Maier from CESA was there to model a lesson of an emergent storybook read aloud with Diana's class.
- The sensory path that was purchased with some of the money from the Catholic School's Walk was put down in the gym lobby. Here are some pictures of what it looks like.



- Nate has received a proposal from Beaver Plumbing & Heating for a new drinking fountain with bottle filler in the cafeteria, a new drinking fountain with bottle filler in the fourth grade hallway, to replace the very first

drinking fountain with bottle filler, and replace the drinking fountain with a new one with a bottle filler in the gym. The proposal does not include electrical work or any wall finishes. The total to complete all three new water fountains was \$11,172. Nate to provide a couple additional quotes. We need to define the proper process of project approval.

- Sue Nelson, our Assistant Superintendent from the Archdiocese came to visit our school on Wednesday, January 25. While she was here she toured the building and asked me how things were going. She likes to visit every two or three months just to check in and see how things are going.
- Catholic Schools Week was from January 28-February 3. The week was full of activities focused on the themes of the week which included; celebrating our parish, community, students, nation, vocations, faculty/staff/volunteers, and families. We had a couple prayer services, service projects, buddy time, special snacks, the 5K-3rd graders watched a movie, and the 4th-8th graders went roller skating at Skate Express in Watertown one afternoon.
- In February I started a new section on the school's page of the church bulletin called "In the Spotlight." Each week I will be highlighting a different classroom in this section of the school page in the bulletin. Each teacher has been asked to sign up for a week to be "In the Spotlight." Here are the two that have been in the bulletin so far.




In the Spotlight

In the last few weeks, during English Language Arts class, students in the 7th grade have been learning about persuasive language and techniques in advertising and news media. As a culminating project, students created a product advertised to 3 different groups of consumers. Students used persuasive ads to secure the success of a brand new product! Students also learned the differences between wants and needs, especially in terms of making smart shopping decisions while avoiding labels and illusion advertising.

Mrs. Carolina Ganske
7th Grade ELA
Teacher












In the Spotlight

In Science class, the Sixth graders at St. Katharine Drexel School have been learning about Plate Tectonics. We studied the Theory of Continental Drift and evidence from land features, fossils, and climate, that support this theory. We then looked at the evidence to support the idea that Earth's plates are in slow, constant motion due to forces within the mantle. We identified three types of plate boundaries-divergent, convergent, and transform-and the different features and events that occur at these plate boundaries. We did an activity called Snack Tectonics to represent each of these boundaries and what occurs at each boundary. We used frosting and graham crackers to make this connection. Added bonus, the students had a tasty treat to eat when it was all finished!

Mrs. Susan Pokey, 6th Grade Science Teacher

- On Wednesday, February 8 the Beaver Dam Police Department had several officers come on a tour of the school building. They came in the morning and in the late afternoon to get as many officers in the building as possible. Need a renewed focus for safety at school.
- Friday, February 10 we had our final inservice time with Katie Moder from CESA 6. She was here with the staff in the morning continuing her training with us on engaging all students, but especially those with ADD/ADHD.

Pastoral Council - Liaison update - John Bowser

- Saint Katharine Drexel Pastoral Council did not meet in February

Finance Council - Liaison update - John Bowser

- Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Finance Council met on January 17th
- Metzger bequests were discussed, including those to the school endowment fund
- The IT plan for 23-24 is under development. E-Rate will likely assist in covering some of our costs in the next school year
- SCRIP banner was purchased
- 3M film for glass was brought up at meeting as a potential investment tied into the Glitz event
- Material/product is beginning to arrive for the school HVAC project; it will be stored at JBMEchanical
- John Bowser brought up a discussion regarding tuition increase for 23/24. John Bowser made a motion to increase tuition 5% for 23/24 followed by Marybeth Schessow. All approved.

Stewardship Committee - Liaison update - Sara Beecher

STEWARDSHIP MEETING MINUTES

01/27/2023

2023 Ministry Fair, weekend of March 11 and 12, after each Mass.

Same as last year, committee and ministry tables set up around the perimeter of narthex, with info and committee members available.

Scrip Renewal/Drive weekend: Sara mentioned this as an FYI. It's in the early planning stages. Tentative end of April.

Focus on School and LLFF families and students:

- These ideas came from Cindy...

- Meet a need of a school family where collections are taken up (anonymously if requested)
- Prayer partners, connecting an empty-nest family with a school age family for prayer or support.
- Service project from school families to help needy parishioners.
- A soup night where parishioners and/or school families bring cans of soups or containers of soup, and the LLFF kids and school kids help serve it on Wednesday nights during Lent.
- These ideas came from Sara....
 - A school Mass offered a few times a year or quarterly at a weekend Mass. Class greeters once a month. Teachers to request volunteers via ClassTag.
 - Rotating SKDS art display in the narthex by grade.
 - School families help with Scrip sales after Mass.
 - As the school does the buddy system that matches an older student with a younger student, do the same with an established school family with a new school family. The established family could invite the new family to Mass, school and parish events, answer any questions. This would be great for our school choice families to make connections and to feel welcome.
 - Continue to promote parish activities in the school/school folder.
 - Fr. Will and Fr. Onildo take turns writing a "Father's Corner" section in the school newsletter. Even just a couple sentences, a blessing, a scripture, something that's happening in the parish. Fr. Will reported he would like to begin this initiative.

Committee was in favor of giving these a try but will consult with the SAC.

Focus on Family:

- How can we practice stewardship as a family with our parish family/How can we honor our parish and school as we honor our own families ("Home is Where the Heart Is")?
- As family we love each other, we pray together, we take care of each other, we support each other, we go through good times and bad times together. Can we promote a family lifestyle such as this in our parish?

Committee Reports

Overview of Committees - Mark Roedl

- Need to continue to recruit members to committees.

Marketing - Mark Roedl

- No update

Fundraising Update - Marybeth Schessow

Fall into Fun! 2023

A/O today no one has come forward as the *Fall into Fun! 2023* Chairperson. I am willing to continue on this year should no one else step forward. A February 23rd meeting date is tentative at this time to get the ball rolling for 2023. Have not heard back from everyone on last years committee as to their participation this year.

Scrip

Scrip banner has arrived. Check it out after mass near the Scrip table. Thanks Sara!

Scrip sales to date \$20,601. Budget \$32,000.

Glitz Report - from Vicki Hafenstein

As of 2.12.23, current financials are (please note these #'s are not final):

Overall Glitz profit is \$45,931.00

General Fund - \$35,062.00

Safety film - \$10,869.00

For reference, last year's Glitz raised \$35,405, of which \$29,005 was General Funds and \$6,400 was special project funds. We saw a 20% increase to General Funds raised and a 69% increase to Special Project funds raised.

Adam White suggested we require Football Mania ticket sales or pay a certain amount to the fundraiser. Sara Beecher suggested we provide a volunteer sign up and require each family to be involved in at least one committee or fundraising event. It was suggested to add fundraising events and chairs in the handbook. Provide a calendar of fundraising events at the beginning of the school year.

Long Range Planning - Angela Zwald

SKDS MURAL CONCEPT:

Very good discussion on this topic. Angela had provided basic budget information from a company that has experience with murals in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The discussion led us to incorporating the history of our past Beaver Dam Catholic schools and looking at doing something to enhance four (4) entrances; James St., Spring St. Inner Court, Playground. The theme for each entrance would focus on the following:

- St. Katharine Drexel entrance
- St Peters entrance
- St. Patrick's entrance
- St. Michael's entrance

Initial thoughts are mural size in the 10' x 12' size range with symbols, letting, images naming of each entrance.

Angela is reaching back out to the company to obtain specialized budget pricing information and begin associated creative content discussions for our next meeting.

SKDS VALUES:

Discussion on the opportunity to utilize a values-based concept at SKDS and SKDP. Angela shared the St. Ignatius Catholic Church of the Grand Cayman website as an example. We will continue to search for parishes/schools who have been successful with programs that demonstrate the parish and school operating as one in harmony. Goal to develop the tools and programs that will improve these values. Fr. Will will share this concept with Pastoral Council.

SKDS current capacity/long range growth considerations

With the ever changing environment/culture in the Beaver Dam area to look at current and potential long term needs for class sizes. Parental Choice has grown to represent approximately 50 students currently in SKDS. How will the Parental choice program impact our school in the future? Looking into the changing demographics of the Beaver Dam areas, as well as other areas that we would need to manage based on projections. This topic will be a very high priority for the LRP team.

After discussion we have decided to meet every 2 months instead of quarterly. Next meeting March 30, 2023 at 5:00 PM in the Narthex

Home & School Update

- Mark reported that there was a transition meeting.

Band Guild Update

- No update

Safety Update - Mark Roedl

- No update

Unfinished Business

- IT support. What are some of the needs to make the school successful? Inter-Quest has been very helpful with meeting the needs of the school.
- Support and staffing for data entry. Need one database for parish and school needs.

- Endowment funds. SAC to focus on how we can help increase endowment contributions.
- Marybeth Schessow and Sara Beecher will be attending a My Parish Matters training on Feb. 25th. The training is put on by the archdiocese.
- Due to Wilson School transitioning to a 4k site/Early Learning Center Mark DiStefano communicated that the transition should not affect the current 4k sites within the District.

Closing Prayer:

Father Will led us in closing prayer.

Adjournment:

Marybeth Schessow made a motion to adjourn the meeting followed by Adam White.