

**SKDS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2017**

Attendees: Barb Haase, Fr. Mike Erwin, Greg Steil, Jill Kaufmann, Jenny Wendorf, Tracy Gundert, Tricia Cargen, Angela Zwald, and Angela Davis

Meeting called to order: 7:04pm

Prayer: Lead by Angela Davis

Review and Approval of Minutes: Tracy Approved, seconded by Greg Steil

Correspondence / Eyes and Ears: SKDS students were highly complimented on their singing and reading at the school Masses. This shows they are really in their comfort zone at school Mass.

Pastor's Report: DPI test scores were posted in the Beaver Dam Daily Citizen, showing that Beaver Dam Unified Schools were 10 points lower than comparative schools. Barb noted that we use the IOWA basics test, which is a very different format. She also mentioned that parents of Choice students are able to opt out of testing. Even though the testing formats are different between SKDS and the public schools, the schools are still compared. The new option of test is all tech-based and comparatively more expensive. The belief is that IOWA Basics will soon become more technologically based.

Worth looking into: our 1st grade scores were low at 29, 8th grade was strongest last year at 72, Math overall was low at a median of 50, overall median was at 65%

Plan: Possibility of discussing goals on where we'd like to be to be ready for the public high school, also consider the fact that 1st grade scores reflect low due to first year of testing.

Concerns: Size of 4th grade class

- Does the teacher have adequate assistance
- Should there be assessments and worksheets to monitor improvement and development
- Barb noted: this is already done in 4th grade when the whole class is divided into smaller groups for certain subjects, especially those where additional help is needed. Several teachers on staff assist with reading and math. We also have retired teachers who are scheduled regularly to provide assistance.

Fr. Mike: noted that he thought Glitz was fabulous. He also was happy with the amount that was raised overall as well as specifically for the shades needed at the school. He thinks that since Glitz raised more than what it was budgeted for; there is a high possibility that the shades can be fully funded.

Administrator's Update:

- Choice Audit: very in depth process, which will be revisited two more times, possibly in April and June

- Christmas Program: coming along with practice well underway, the students love it!
- Accreditation Information Came: SKDS is officially accredited for the next several years! New release stating this will be in the newspaper and in the bulletin. Greg Steil recommended announcing the news on the radio as well
- Fundraising Chart: The Rough Draft has been reviewed by several committees to ensure that all of the school's fundraisers are accounted for. The goal of the chart is to weigh out the worth of the fundraiser in terms of Profit vs. Effort Involved to make the Fundraiser a success.
- Side note: Fr. Mike mentioned that a yearly collection of about \$940,000 is collected at weekend Masses with half going to the school.
- Marketing Project: Barb shared the Baptism Day Pamphlet, with a personalized picture drawn by one of the SKDS Kindergarteners, which is to be given to each child baptized at St. Katharine Drexel Parish. Along with the pamphlet, the baptized child will also receive a bib around their first birthday and a stenciled pillowcase prior to preschool enrollment. (Greg Steil: recommended that a Spanish version of the pamphlet be designed as well)
- Website: LPI is in the process of quoting a price to update the school's website. LPI is currently used by the parish. The first several contacts for potentially updating the website came back too high in cost. LPI is the third serious contact.

Glitz:

- Glitz has a highly profitable year!
- The total profit was \$24,021!
- In the Live Auction, \$5,831 was raised to fund the school's need for new shades.
- The flowers for this year's event were 100% donated by Gene's Floral and auctioned off at the event. The money raised by this could potentially be added to the Shade Fund as well.
- Parents who did not attend Glitz will be given an opportunity to donate to the Shade Fund as well.

Finance Report:

- Endowment is worth about 2.2 million right now, which is drastically up
- Text book expenses are up as well
- Scrip is in need of a back-up person so that all responsibility doesn't fall on Allison Seufzer. This additional person could hopefully lead to more open selling hours as well.
- Tracy Gundert noted that the Scrip percentages are very highly profitable at certain retail stores and restaurants around the holidays. She recommends having people check the Scrip website to easily see this information.

Parish Council Report:

- The building plans to renovate the church are becoming much more established with a pretty well defined cost. Once the cost is established, and half the money is raised, the construction can begin.

Motion to Adjourn: Tricia Cargen at 8:50 and seconded by Jill Kaufmann

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 19, 2017