

Sacred Heart Board of Academic and Religious Education

Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2015

Present: Ann, Chris W., Andrea, Stephanie, Jane, Tara, Amy, Chris Kinnison, Kyle, Fr. Chris, Fr. Luis and Tom

Visitors: Shondra Murphy (H&S), BJ McLaughlin (H&S), Jason Spooner, Barb Baker, Celie Hrabak and John Mathis (Pastoral Council)

Parent Visitors: Scott & Stephanie Musel, Jennifer & Matt Leyser, Ann & Steve Hartkop, Steve Kunz, Mike Nielsen, Phil Bishop, Jeff Schwarte, and Tom Stoll

I. Opening Prayer & Introductions

Chris W. called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

II. Addition to Evening's Meeting Agenda

Pastoral Council representative introduction added to agenda, as well as an Open Forum for visiting parents about band program. Motion passed.

III. Visitor Comments and Reports

Barb Baker reported that she's been able to attend some conferences already this school year that have been very helpful. She's begun working with the new Middle School math curriculum. She will be attending a Math in Technology convention in November. She also gave an update on the DCHS test for Algebra students, taken in December. Jason Spooner mentioned Jazz Band is preparing for their 1st concert at the DCHS Pancake Breakfast. They will also be making a trip to Council Bluffs in January. Celie Hrabak spoke about a recent PBIS conference she attended. Red Ribbon Week activities will begin the following week. Mentor program matching 1-5th graders with 7th graders is underway. Reported on new grade level changes to PBIS program as well.

IV. Pastoral Council

John Mathis introduced himself as our new Pastoral Council liaison.

V. Home and School Report

Fall grants are done. SCRIP is trying some new incentives to boost sales. Fall Fundraiser has many new things planned, including earlier start time.

VI. Open Forum

Rules of the Open Forum explained. Visitors have 10 minutes to discuss their reason for attending. Board members listen, but cannot respond. Jeff Schwarte spoke first. Mentioned how much of a positive difference the SHS Band program has made in his children. Speaking for the group, he said they are here to show their support of Band, how they want to work towards a

solution to changes in the Band (after the recent loss of the part-time Band Assistant), and how they want to have a seat at the table when decisions are made. They want us to know that without communication, misinformation spreads quickly. They also feel Mr. Spooner does a great job and that kids not in the program are missing out.

Matt Leyser spoke to how great a reputation the SHS Band has, and how they want this to continue. The Band requires a lot of work, but is a source of pride and provides a good foundation for the students.

Phil Bishop wanted to mention that they want to be sure the SHS Band stays the same for future students.

VII. Approval of September minutes

Kyle moved and Chris K. seconded. Motion passed.

VIII. Executive Report

Chris W. reported that the Board prayer partners for teachers/staff and Keurig in the teacher lounge have been a hit. Jane is ordering SHS logo cards for Board members to use for sending notes to teachers/staff they feel are doing a great job. A plan for the Band is being drafted and will be sent out soon. The Board of Ed is committed to finding a solution, and is in full support of the Band program. Our intent, as is the Administration's, is to be sure we are doing the best we can for all students at SHS.

IX. Administration & Financial Reports

Iowa Assessments have been completed and have been sent for grading. Again, a Band plan will be completed and communicated to Band parents soon. Jane spoke to concerns about SHS students' readiness for Algebra when moving on to DCHS. All math scores are in line and improving, and there are no concerns being heard from the DCHS math department regarding our graduates. Jane and Mary Jo will work to communicate this better to all parents.

Financials are on the rebound, after concerns last month. Chris K. spoke to former Board treasurer Mike Young, and historically the budget looks behind at the beginning of the year, but that as more tuition payments start coming in, we'll start to look better. Finance Council met immediately before our meeting tonight. There is a gap between revenue and expenses, that they would like the Board to begin addressing. There is a plan to work on a "Fill the Gap" -type campaign, similar to DCHS, in the new year. Finance Council would like us to more clearly communicate the true cost of educating a SHS student.

X. Adjournment

Stephanie motioned and Chris K. seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

Next meeting – November 17th, 6:30pm.