

## **Sacred Heart Board of Academic and Religious Education**

### **Meeting Minutes**

*August 30, 2016*

*Present:* Tara Nelson, Chris Kinnison, Stephanie Comito, Tom Rotherham, Amy Friedrich, Ann Warren, Jay Smith, Scott Miller, Adrienne Branstad, Jane Kinney, and Mary Jo Kever

*Guests:* Kelli Hruby, Erin Yacinich, Emily Klotz, Michelle Duer, and BJ McLaughlin

*Next meeting:* September 20, 2016

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#### **I. Opening Prayer and Introduction of Guests**

Tara called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

#### **II. Visitor Comments and Reports**

Emily Klotz (Music Teacher) – new music teacher

Erin Yacinich (1<sup>st</sup> Grade) – First graders are ready for a new year, working with new math curriculum

Kelli Hruby (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) – Second graders are working on the new math curriculum and getting ready to learn about the Sacraments they will be making this year.

Michelle Duer (4<sup>th</sup> Grade) – new 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher/taught middle school math last year. She is currently benchmarking the students. They are learning about states and capitals.

#### **III. Home and School Report**

BJ McLaughlin (Home and School Co-chair) reported that the new Scrip program is up and running with about ¼ of the sales are online. They are trying some new marketing ideas to let grandparents and family members know that they can sign-up and order Scrip cards online. The SHS Auction will be on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The theme is Rocktoberfest. Volunteers at the front desk are doing well under the direction of Bob Carber.

Approval of Agenda and May Minutes

Stephanie moved and Chris K. seconded the April minutes. Motion passed.

#### **IV. Administration Reports**

Jane reported that the opening for Middle School Science has been accepted. The new teacher is from Mason City. He will start on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Middle school teachers attended a great conference to learn about the specifics of mid-level learners and the importance of 'transitions' into middle school. Jane also reported that preschoolers had their visit to school today and they start school on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. The Middle School Math committee has been working on the gap between K-5 and middle school math. The kids take four assessments to see if they should be in 6<sup>th</sup> grade regular math or 6<sup>th</sup> grade accelerated math. Jane reported that 12 students are in the dual enrollment program at Dowling. Six are taking algebra and six are taking geometry.

## **V. Financial Report**

Chris K. reported that K-8 enrollment is twelve students short of the 469 students that we had in the budget.

## **VI. New Business**

Tara asked Board members to come up with some new ideas for the 2016-2017 committees. Last year we had a faith formation committee and a communications/marketing committee. Some suggestions for this year included: a SHS alumni committee, a matching funds committee, and a policy review committee. Board members also asked about access to a google drive account for the Board.

Jane showed the Board members the new 4 minute SHS video that was created last Spring. It will be shown on Meet the Teacher nights at school.

Old Business

## **VII. Adjournment**

Chris K. motioned we adjourn the meeting. Jay seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 20, 2016 in the Sacred Heart Parish Conference Room