

St. Mary's School Board Minutes

December 14, 2011

St. Mary's School Board President Gene Soukup called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. The meeting was opened in prayer by Father Nigli. Members present included: Father Francis Nigli, Gene Soukup, Troy Heiser, Dean Benson, Susie Kramer, Sharon Spencer and Mr. Walt Dupre. Absent: Jim Sibbel, Dorothy Tomjack, and Shad Thompson. Dean Benson made a motion to approve the November minutes. Troy Heiser seconded. Motion carried. Sharon Spencer made a motion to approve the December agenda. Dean Benson seconded. Motion carried. LuAnn Shields arrived at 6:00 p.m.

Pastor's Report

Campaign Information: The Campaign is going forward. More needed improvements have come forward since the introduction of the campaign. We have made note of the additional improvements, but at this time these will not be added to the campaign total.

School Retreats: The school retreats have gone extremely well. Thanks to the leaders and students for their participation.

Advent: The Advent season is going very well at school.

School budget: There is a concern with the school budget that will need to be completed soon. It is important to make sure all is in line at budget time.

School Report- Mr. Dupre addressed the items on the business agenda. The first item on the agenda was the school improvement update. A safety questionnaire was distributed to students. The questionnaire was a survey that is used in other schools and was based on safety and bullying at school. Overall results were favorable.

Second on the agenda was the 7th Grade Parent Meeting. A meeting was held for all concerned 7th grade parents in regards to student test scores and curriculum changes. Mr. Dupre reviewed current test scores with attending parents and the reason for the current curriculum changes. A positive meeting occurred with good feedback from all who attended. The biggest concern voiced by parents was with the 7th grade Science curriculum. Students and Ms. Adams are adjusting to the new curriculum and changes will be made as needed.

3rd on the agenda was the business of dances. The student council gave a survey to students for dances that are coming up. All results are not in completely. Mrs. Atkeson and Mr. Dupre will continue to work with the student council and students on this matter.

Next on the agenda was protocol for admitting new students. Discussion was held on this protocol. It was decided that we need to make sure we have a standard protocol for all new students. We need to make sure that St. Mary's Schools gives all students the ability to strive in an academic and spiritual environment.

Mr. Dupre presented the Self-Assessment form that was submitted to AdvancEd Committee that will be coming in January. The committee will be coming and doing the same assessment as the form that we have done to see how we compare.

Items from the floor- No items mentioned.

Items to be placed on January 11, 2012 agenda- There were none.

Gene Soukup closed the meeting with prayer. LuAnn Shields made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Troy Heiser seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m. **The next meeting will be on January 11, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.**