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EAC Meeting
October 5, 2011
6:00 pm

Members present were Father Tschakert, Linda Merkwan, Brad Peters, Dave Houska, Paul Geraets, Craig Hansen, Marc Michel, and Stephanie Wolles.

Father Tschakert opened the meeting in prayer.

Mr. Hansen called the meeting to order and asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Michel motioned to accept agenda and Mrs. Wolles seconded.

Administrative Reports

Principal Reports

- Homecoming a success
- Parent-Teacher Conferences – great turn out
- NCEA Data Bank Report submitted to diocesan office
 - PreK – 12th 207 Catholic 20 Non-Catholic
- Sioux Falls Area Foundation Grant – submitted by various teachers
- Donations
 - \$460 (Target, Jabberwock, Memorials) used to purchase PE equipment
 - Retractable large screen for gym
- Dakota Sports representative – will give estimate for extra volleyball sleeves in gym
- HyVee Smart Points: October - December
- SDCSA Annual Principal Meeting
 - Featured speakers: Dr. Rick Melmer
Dr. Melody Schopp – SD Secretary of Education
 - Main topics: New directions for assessment
 - Common Core driven and formative in nature
 - Goal to show continual growth
 - Framework for Effective Teaching (Charlotte Danielson)
- Assessments
 - 2011 Dakota Step Results
 - 2011 ACT Results
 - quick review by staff; sent home to parents; in depth review at in-service
- Welcome Betsy Hansen – Head Custodian

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- Fire Drill and Tornado Drill – completed successfully
 - Lock Down – SRO Deputy Walker review at in-service
 - Will be completing School Safety Survey - Catholic Mutual
- Upcoming Events
 - No school, Monday, October 10 – Native American Day
 - In-service, Friday, October 28
 - Magazine Drive concluded

Committee Reports

Marketing/Retention/Planning (Mr. Michel): presented various ideas. Alumni newsletter-Danny Geraets working on the alumni appeal. Put alumni information on the website.

Finance (Mr. Geraets): discussion ensued on combining the fees when parents sign their child up at St. Mary (tuition, class fees, etc.) Mrs. Wolles inquired on the possibility of adding a monthly statement of finances.

Policy/Curriculum (Mrs. Wolles): Review of 4/5 year old preschool programs in the area, discussed possible increase the number of days that we offer preschool.

Technology (Mr. Hansen): installation pending on installing smart boards; should be within a couple of weeks. Common shared drive for smart board templates will be implemented. Discussion ensued on better communication with the staff members on high priority needs.

Motion to accept agenda, previous minutes with corrections, administrative reports and committee reports was made by Mr. Hansen and seconded by Mr. Geraets. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- A. **Class Fees**-discussed under finance report.

New Business

- A. **Network Options**-we run our website on our own server, puts our network at risk; will move hosting to an outside company. New domain-www.drstmary.org. Discussed Internet bandwidth. Email exchange-would like that locally.

Next meeting will be Nov. 7th, 4:00 pm in Mr. Klungseth's room.

Mr. Geraets motioned to adjourn at 7:50 pm and Mr. Michel seconded. Motion carried.

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