

St. Mary's School Board Minutes December 15, 2010

Board President Gene Soukup called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. The meeting was opened with prayer lead by LuAnn Shields. Members present included: Jill Everitt, Sharon Spencer, LuAnn Shields, Dorothy Tomjack, Shad Thompson, Principal Mr. Walter Dupre and Father Jeff Lorig. Shad Thompson moved to approve the November 10, 2010 minutes, LuAnn Shields seconded the motion. Motion carried. LuAnn Shields moved to approve the December agenda, Shad Thompson seconded, motion carried.

Principal Report

Merri Schneider arrived at 5:38 p.m.

Absences – Numbers were provided in regards to St. Mary's attendance. The attendance rate at St. Mary's is 97.6%. O'Neill Public rate is 94.07% and Nebraska's overall rate is 94.76%.

Test Scores – Terra Nova overall scores for the 3rd, 5th and 7th grades were distributed and explained. The Explore test is given to 8th and 9th grades. The overall scores for 8th grade were distributed. The Plan test is given to the 10th grade and overall scores were reviewed. The 2010 ACT report was distributed showing the overall scores in English, math, reading, science and the composite scores. The ACT has been taken by 9 of the 11 seniors. On January 3, these tests scores will be discussed with teachers. Parents will be provided their student's individual report in the reports cards in January.

New Business

Part-time families – Discussion was held regarding home-school families who wants to come to St. Mary's part-time and be eligible to participate in activities. It was decided that students would have to take four classes, two of which would be core classes with theology being required. The other two classes would be elective courses. JH athletics would not be an eligible elective course. Tuition and other fees would be 50% of the full tuition and fees.

Basketball Scoreboard/Advertising Signs – There will be six sponsors on the board with two panels on the side (Gokie's and Avera St. Anthony's) and four across the bottom (Gutshall-Blumenstock, Krotter-Hoffman, Adamson Distributing and Elkhorn Valley Implement.) The board is same as Neligh-Oakdale's scoreboard and it will be black in color. We are in the process of contacting the current sponsors on the wall and updating the signs. The cost to advertise will be \$500 for five years plus the cost of the sign. Rocket Signs are giving estimate on sign costs. There are currently six openings. These opening will be left open to O'Neill businesses for next month and then will open up to out-of-town businesses. The sponsors will pay for \$10,000 of the total \$12,000 cost of the scoreboard. The remaining costs will be cover by additional sponsors and the booster club.

Fund Raisers – Kevin Loecker is in charge of the Beast Feast. It will be in the same format as last year. Father will make posters and emcee the event.

Spring Enrollment Campaign – The new campaign poster was shown at the last meeting. Mr. Dupre would like to move this process along quicker this year, hopefully starting with enrollment of current families in February. He would like to see a campaign in March to bring new families in. There will be more of a focus on families with their first child entering kindergarten. Discussion was held on the dinner parties that were done in the past. This will be discussed more as we draw closer to March. We will have advertising sports on KBRX and possibly KGRD. Discussion was also held on having adult mentors for students and parents who transfer into the St. Mary's system.

Sharon Spencer closed the meeting with prayer. Merri Schneider made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Sharon Spencer seconded the motion. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. **The next meeting will be on January 12, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.**