

St. Mary's School Board Minutes

February 8, 2012

St. Mary's School Board President Gene Soukup called the meeting to order at 5:50 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, LuAnn Shields, Shad Thompson and Mr. Walt Dupre. Absent: Jim Sibbel. Visitors present: Chris Slack, Brett Kelly, Mark & Amy Thompson, Robyn Heiser, Gary Cuddy and Ella Spencer. Ella Spencer was present to discuss Senior Trip. Remaining visitors present to discuss disciplinary issues, concerned parent and parishioners over current issues at school. Shad Thompson made a motion to approve the January minutes. LuAnn Shields seconded. Motion carried. Dean Benson made a motion to approve the February agenda as amended. Shad Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Senior Trip: The floor was opened to Ella Spencer to explain the plans of the Senior Class for their Senior Trip. The Senior Class is planning on going to Chicago, IL on Friday, March 30th at approximately 9 p.m. and returning Monday, April 2nd. Students will be traveling by Navigator bus from Norfolk. Sponsors for the trip include Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Spencer and Mr. & Mrs. Schindler. Highlights of the trip will include museums, city tours, dinner theater and maybe a hockey game. Sharon Spencer is working close with the Senior Class in finalizing an itinerary. The Senior Class has approximately \$5500.00 in funds available. A motion was made by Sharon Spencer to grant permission for the Senior Class to go on their trip. Dorothy Tomjack seconded. Motion carried.

Items on the Floor: Father addressed the visitors on hand and allowed them to address their concerns. Father Nigli did preface on the current difficult situation. The School Board is only an advisory board to the Principal and Pastor (President) and does not have records on any teachers and/or students. The floor was opened for discussion. Brett Kelly informed the school board of current allegations that have been turned over to law enforcement. Other visitors expressed concern over the lack of disciplinary action being taken at this time. All parties involved have sought legal counsel and due process is in place throughout this difficult situation. After discussion, visitors excused themselves from meeting. No actions taken.

Pastor's Report- Father noted the excellent handling that Mr. Dupre did on the accreditation meeting that occurred. The meetings were very productive and good results were obtained.

The Semper Fidelis campaign was a success with people happy to help with school and church needs.

Father Nigli and Mr. Dupre are currently looking at the need for a second smaller bus that would hold approximately 25-30 students. This addition would save the St. Mary's school approximately \$20,000/year. A motion was made by Dean Benson to have Fr. Nigli and Mr. Dupre present this to the finance council. Shad Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

In-house projects are also being reviewed at this time. A motion was made by Dean Benson and seconded by Sharon Spencer to have Father Nigli and Mr. Dupre present the following projects to the

Finance Council with projects being done as funds are available. Motion carried. The following projects are as follows in order of priority: School bus, locker room improvements, playground equipment, and weight room improvements.

Father Nigli concluded his pastor's report. The finance council meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the parish center.

School Report-

Mr. Dupre addressed the items on the business agenda. The first item on the agenda was the senior trip. This was discussed by Ella Spencer at the opening of the meeting.

Second on the agenda was the 2012-2013 Budget. Mr. Dupre presented salary and tuition structures and plans to move forward if approved. Dorothy Tomjack made the motion was made to propose the presented figures to the Finance Council at their next meeting. Troy Heiser seconded. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was the accreditation report. Mr. Dupre gave a brief overview of the meetings. A full report will be available in 3-4 weeks from the AdvancEd Committee. When the results have been received they will be placed on Sycamore for anyone who would like to see them.

Next on the agenda was the Co-op meeting with O'Neill Public Schools. Discussion was held between O'Neill Public Schools and St. Mary's Schools on the classes and activities that would be in the co-op program for school years, 2012-2014. At this time, a 2-year agreement will be entered into for Band, Boy's and Girl's Golf, Softball and Cross Country. No Wrestling will be included. Both schools maintained that they would revisit the issue of wrestling in the spring of 2013. No action was taken.

Last on the agenda was a school report of activities and occurrences that have been happening at St. Mary's. No actions were taken.

Items to be placed on March 14, 2012 agenda: No items taken at this time.

Father Nigli closed the meeting with prayer. Troy Heiser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shad Thompson seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m. **The next meeting will be on March 14, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.**