

## St. Mary's School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

St. Mary's School Advisory Council president Gene Soukup called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. Father Nigli opened with prayer. Members present: Gene Soukup, Shad Thompson, Dean Benson, Sharon Spencer, Dorothy Tomjack, Principal Mr. Walt Dupre, and Father Francis Nigli. Members absent: Jim Sibbel and Julie Barlow. Dean motioned to approve the corrected December minutes and Shad seconded. Motion carried. Dorothy motioned to approve the agenda, and Sharon seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Report: Finishing projects have been contingent on each contractor completing their projects on time, therefore projects get a little delayed. All projects are almost done. School advisory members were asked to walk through the connector between the high school and grade school and check for anything that needs to be addressed. Ongoing projects are installing a light for the grade school flag and working on a shed for the buses. The school locks are being adjusted for security purposes. Coaches, Activity Director Mr. Allen, and Mrs. Brenda Hupp will manage schedules.

Business: A part time cleaning person has been hired for the evenings. A part time cleaning/maintenance position is still available and will be advertised for.

Policy Update – Restraint/Seclusion: The Archdiocese of Omaha has updated this policy. It was reviewed to be added to our school handbook. Dean made a motion to approve the updated policy and Shad seconded. Motion carried.

Handbook Review: Members are asked to review the school handbook and report back next month for any changes or policies that need to be reviewed. The Archdiocese Chancellor has evaluated our school handbook and it received a great review.

School Activities/Calendar/Family Time (Pastor's Report): A 9:00 p.m. curfew time has been added to the school for extra-curricular activities. A 11:00 p.m. curfew has been added for the weight room. Also, all St. Mary's alumni should not be working out during school hours.

Dress Guidelines for School Dances: The school policy dress guidelines were reviewed and discussed. Any concerns will be addressed to the students and parents. Sycamore may be used also.

Development/Alumni: Discussion was held to increase Alumni involvement and support. Dinners, themes, sporting activities and other suggestions were brought up, including possibly trying to combine the Development Dinner with the Alumni Banquet. A meeting with the Development committee and the Alumni committee will be held to discuss options.

Student Achievement: Comparison handouts for the fifth graders, eighth graders, and ACT seniors were studied. In all areas, St. Mary's students were at or above the Archdiocese of Omaha and the National averages.

Concerns and accountability were discussed about booster club sports.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. was made by Dean, Sharon seconded. Motion carried. Gene ended the meeting with prayer.

The next School Advisory Council meeting will be **Wednesday, February 6, 2013** at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Dorothy Tomjack, Secretary