Approved
Marshalltown Area Catholic School
Minutes March 18, 2010
St. Mary’s

Present: Linda Jacobs, Shannon Naughton, Fr. Jim Miller, Michelle Roseburrough, Fr. Don Czapla, Julie Swartz, Wendy Soltero, and Jenny Fisher
Excused Not Present: None

Executive Officer: Jim Wessling
Guests: Melinda Beard, Rod Beard, Mary Burns, Elizabeth Baccam, Brittani Pirrone, and Joyce Heiserman

Opening Prayer Shannon Naughton lead prayer.

Approval of Agenda: Consensus as amended.

Approval of Minutes: Consensus as amended.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Michelle Roseburrough


Comments from Public: None

Reports:
Principal:
   a. Reviewed report.
   b. The ICAM’s will be given to the 4th graders on April 20th and 21st.
   c. Spring Conferences for all grades will be March 23rd and 25th at St. Henry’s Attendance Center.
   d. Congratulations to Sandeep Stanley, Emma Alman, Erika Melchor, Miranda Seim, and Cailyn Ernat. They will be representing MACS at the Regional Battle of the Books.
   e. The Seder Meal will be March 29th.
   f. Spring Music Concerts are scheduled for April 12th (5-6), April 19th (3-4), and April 22nd (K-2). All performances will be at St. Mary’s gym at noon and 7pm.
   g. Mr. Wessling and Courtenay Bollhoefer will be attending a Power School training program about on-line registration.

Home and School: Next meeting is Monday, April 26th at St. Henry’s Dining Room at 6:45pm. They are looking for officers for next year.

Finance Committee: The committee received a tuition assistance application. The committee recommended funding family #41 at $400.00. At the recommendation of the finance committee, Fr. Don Czapla motioned to approve tuition assistance
for Family #41 at $400.00. Seconded by Wendy Soltero. Consensus.

*Promotions Committee:* Reviewed report. The committee is working on updating the current MACS brochure and finding ways to highlight MACS on the front of the church bulletins. They are also exploring the possibility of creating a MACS t-shirt that would be available for purchase next year.

*School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC):* The committee set school improvement goals for the 2010-2011 school year and an implementation strategy to achieve them. The 2010-2011 proposed school improvement goals are: 1) Using the NPR of the October 2010 ITBS, we will increase the proficiency level of the 2009-2010 second grade cohort group in Reading Comprehension by decreasing the percentage of students performing in the low achievement level, 2) Using the NSS of the October 2010 ITBS, we will increase the scores of the 2009-2010 fourth grade low level cohort group by showing an average increase of 14 NSS points or more on the Math Computation score, and 3) Using the NSS of the October 2010 ITBS, we will increase the scores of the 2009-2010 third grade low level cohort group by showing an average increase of 16 NSS points or more on the Math Concepts and Estimation score. Fr. Don Czapla motioned to approve the proposed 2010-2011 school improvement goals as listed. Seconded by Linda Jacobs. Consensus. Mr. Wessling also gave a presentation explaining the Iowa Core Curriculum.

*Board Gram:* Shannon Naughton reviewed an article on the concept that parishes need to focus on life-long formation of the sacraments, not just the day they occur. She also touched upon the article, “Where has the Sabbath Gone?” There was also discussion regarding Board evaluations and finding the right people to fill these positions.

*Input from local boards:* St. Henry’s – Reviewed report. Work continues on assuring all students have been baptized. 9th grade religious education is looking at the possibility of Wednesday evening classes. St. Mary’s – Reviewed report.

*Unfinished Business:*

*Ad Hoc Technology Update:* The technology committee, chaired by Shannon Naughton, met twice to review critical areas of need that had been identified by Joyce Heiserman. The BOE members received reports of the two committee meetings and their recommendations. Joyce Heiserman also gave BOE members a list of her own concerns and recommendations. The BOE members will be reviewing all information.

*Budget:* The BOE received a final copy of the 2010-2011 Budget, that had been approved at last month meeting. Both parishes have approved the subsidies.
New Business:

Request for Classroom Aide: Mary Burns gave a recommendation on the need for her classroom to have an Aide. Discussion followed. The BOE will continue to look into this request and give a recommendation at a later date.

Summer Child Care: Melinda Beard gave a summary of last year’s numbers for summer child care. There are currently 14 students signed up for this summer. The BOE has asked that Melinda put together some numbers to determine if the summer child care program will be profitable. Melinda is to report back at next month’s meeting.

School Calendar: Jim Wessling presented the 2010-2011 School Calendar for approval. This calendar follows the public school calendar with the exception of conference dates. Fr. Jim Miller motioned to approve. Seconded by Julie Swartz. Consensus.

Joint Long-Range Planning: Fr. Don Czapla gave a brief presentation on the proposal for a Joint Long-Term Planning and Visioning Committee for the two parishes. This proposal has been approved by the Dubuque Archdiocese and both parishes. Julie Swartz will be the BOE representative for this new committee.

Executive Session: Motioned into executive session at 8:34pm by Julie Swartz. Seconded by Linda Jacobs. Motioned out of executive session at 9:19pm by Fr. Jim Miller. Seconded by Julie Swartz. No action taken.

Meeting ended at 9:21pm.

Next regular meeting is April 15, 2010 at St. Henry’s.
Respectfully submitted by Debbie Harris