Approved
Marshalltown Area Catholic School
Minutes November 20, 2008
St. Mary’s

Present: Tom Podhajsky, Fr. Jim Miller, Michelle Roseburrough, Shirley Ford, Fr. Don Czapla, and Julie Swartz
Excused Not Present: Linda Jacobs and Shannon Naughton

Executive Officer: Jim Wessling
Guests: None

Opening Prayer Tom Podhajsky lead prayer.
Approval of Agenda: Consensus as amended.
Approval of Minutes: Consensus as amended.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by Tom Podhajsky

Approval of Report of Operations:
  b. Scrip is showing a negative, but the board still feels this is due to the committee building up inventory for the upcoming holidays.
  c. Cafeteria account is losing money. This is discussed under new business.
  d. $6,710.63 has been moved from account 43-0615 to account 43-0610. This is to show a loss in the endowment fund.
  e. The fundraising budget is showing extremely positive because of the monetary gift from Fr. Karal’s estate.

Comments from Public: None

Reports:
  Principal:
    a. Reviewed report.
    b. Students and teachers collected $562.60 for Birthright of Marshalltown.
    c. The Thanksgiving Food Drive is in process.
    d. MACS will be represented in the Tiny Tim Tree Festival during this year’s Holiday Stroll.
    e. Thanksgiving break will begin Wednesday, Nov. 26th at 2:15pm. School will resume Monday, Dec. 1st.
    f. Mr. Wessling has conducted the annual I.D.E.A. consultation.
    g. MACS was represented the the Chamber of Commerce “Business to Business Showcase” at the Fisher Community Center on Tuesday, November 11th.
The students at MACS were able to attend the “Perfection on Wheels” BMX bike show for their hard work in the JAXCO fundraiser.

MACS Christmas Programs are as follows:
- 3-4 Grade Thursday, December 4th, St. Mary’s Gym, Noon and 7pm
- K-2 Grade Thursday, December 11th, St. Mary’s Gym, Noon and 7pm
- 5-6 Grade Thursday, December 15th, St. Mary’s Gym, Noon and 6:30pm

Home and School: The members reviewed the treasurer’s report. The slots to sell programs at the ISU basketball games are all full, so MACS will not be participating at this time. The staff Christmas Party will be Tuesday, December 9th, from 4-6pm at the home of Ginger Ernat.

Finance Committee: Discussion continues on what to do with the monetary donation from Fr. Karal’s estate. A member of the BOE has been in contact with Jeff Henderson, from the Dubuque Archdiocese. Jeff will be contacting the Vicar and he will let us know what happens at that meeting. The committee will also begin working on the '09-'10 school budget.

Promotions Committee: The committee will continue to send out the Baptism letters in the spring. They are looking at holding a Kindergarten Open House on February 8th. (For next year’s kindergarten class) Chess Club will begin in January and run through April. The committee will be putting stewardship hour opportunities in the Church bulletins. They are working on activities for Catholic School’s Week. Finally, they are exploring the possibility of providing the opportunity for students to learn Spanish after school.

Endowment: No report.

School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC): Reviewed report.

Board Gram: Michelle Roseburrough reviewed the article on the budget process that will begin this month. Also, November 20th was National Appreciation Day for Principals. Thank you Mr. Wessling.

Input from local boards: St. Henry’s –Fr. Don is waiting for a recommendation from the St. Henry’s finance committee to determine what to do with the monetary donation from Fr. Karal’s estate. They are also waiting on some quotes for remodeling an area of St. Henry’s Attendance Center to provide an additional classroom if necessary. St. Mary’s – The religious education students will be doing a La Posada.

Unfinished Business:
- Harvest Ball Update: The profit for Harvest Ball is approximately $33,000. Thank you to all the volunteers and people who supported this.
New Business:

Iowa Core Curriculum: The Core Curriculum provides the details for teachers to make sure students reach Iowa’s Core Content Standards and Benchmarks. It assists teachers in knowing how to integrate essential concepts and skills into student learning opportunities. The Core Curriculum is about teaching and learning; it provides examples of powerful instruction clearly tied to classroom assessments. It provides a comprehensive picture of effective curriculum that addresses pedagogy, content knowledge, and assessment. Mr. Wessling and two teachers attend seminars to stay up-to-date on this information.

Budgeting Process: The finance committee will begin working on a budget for the ’09-’10 school year. They will present options for the budget to the BOE members in January. Then they will present the options to parents at the Home and School Meeting on January 26th. The final budget will be voted on at the February BOE meeting.

Adult Hot Lunch Prices: Due to the continuing increase in the price of food, Michelle Roseburrough motioned to raise the prices of adult/staff hot lunches from $2 to $3, effective immediately. Seconded by Julie Swartz. Consensus.

STO Promotion to get Donations: Members of the BOE will be presenting information on STO at the masses at both parishes the weekend of December 6th and 7th. Information will also be available after masses.

Meeting ended at 8:44pm.

Next regular meeting is Thursday, December 18, 2008 at St. Henry’s Parish Center.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Harris