



**St Catherine of Siena School Council  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Monday, December 5, 2016 – School Conference Room**

**Members Present**

Jeremy Barr  
Pat Buckles  
Tracy Dible  
Karen Gomez (Chair)  
Betty Hunt, Principal  
Rob Sill  
Karen Stein  
Father Dan Spexarth  
Vanessa McKinney, PTO President

**Members Absent**

Diana Kessinger

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Karen Gomez at 7:00 p.m.

**Opening Prayer**

Father Dan opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Approval of November Minutes**

Minutes from the November meeting were approved with the following addition: The School Council shall select its Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary from its elected members for one year terms at the May meeting. A member must have served for one year before being eligible to be Chairperson. Vanessa made a motion to approve the minutes. Pat seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

**Announcements**

None

**Agenda Additions**

None

**Committee Reports**

**Wellness Committee** – Karen and Betty are our representatives on the Wellness Committee. No meeting was held this month.

**Technology Committee** – Rob is our representative on the Technology Committee. The Technology committee met earlier this evening. They went over survey questions for the Diocesan technology plan and are looking into future server updates and security issues.

**Athletic Committee** – A new committee formed this year interested in getting athletics started at St. Catherine. Representatives Vanessa and Jeremy will provide updates.

### **Associate Principal's Report**

- Betty and Jeremy have met with Ron Barry, father of one of our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students and Assistant Principal at Valley Center Middle School, who has agreed to act as our social media liaison. He will get the accounts ready and is planning to have the Facebook page up and running by the second semester. A Twitter account will follow once he gets Facebook set up.

### **Principal's Report**

- We are once again doing the Warm Hands, Warm Hearts Christmas tree where students bring in caps and gloves to hang on the tree. These will be donated to charity.
- Tuesday, December 6, is the last day of the Scholastic Book Fair.
- Thursday, December 8, we have off for the holy day.
- The priests will be hearing Confessions for 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders in preparation of Christmas.
- Wednesday, December 14, we will have dental checks. Parents can opt their children out of these if they wish. We also have our December Faith Families activity.
- Monday, December 19, at 6:30, is the Christmas program given by the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.
- Wednesday, December 21, is a half day of school. This is the last day of school before the Christmas break.
- Christmas break is December 22 through January 3. Teachers return for a work day on January 3, and students return on January 4.
- Children's choir will sing at the 5:30 Mass on Christmas Eve.
- Friday, January 6, is Eucharistic Adoration and spirit dress.

### **Pastor's Report**

Father Dan reported that the numbers are in for the South wing addition and that information will be presented on Wednesday evening. The Finance Council will meet and the decision on how to pay for the addition will be made. Father Dan will update us on the findings at our January meeting.

### **PTO President's Report**

- The 4<sup>th</sup> grade provided Spirit Day lunches on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- At the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, 4 grants were approved.
- The proceeds from the Spangles night were \$338 with an additional \$79 on the prize wheel.
- The Scholastic Book Fair is going on one more day and the final results will be available at the January meeting.

### **Old Business**

- Social Media Survey Results
  - See Associate Principal report above.

- **Preschool Update**
  - Betty received 92 responses from the preschool survey and is looking at possible schedules. Many parents favored a five day a week schedule and likely a three day schedule would also be offered for 4 year olds. There was interest in both a two day and a three day a week schedule for 3 year olds. 90% of the people that were surveyed said they would likely send their preschoolers to St. Catherine and 10% responded “no” for the reasons of needing childcare for the rest of the day or the parents were waiting another year to start their child in preschool. The pre-registration process for preschool would likely be in late January, at the same time as the rest of school registration so staffing needs would be known. It was discussed about registration being open to St. Catherine parishioners first and then if there were spots remaining, it could be offered to other Catholic churches without preschools and then to non-Catholic families. Preschool registration would not be considered complete until registration paperwork and down payment were received.
- **Athletic Update – Fundraiser**
  - Basketball seasons for boys and girls are in full swing.
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls are 1-1 and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys’ team is facing strong competition.
  - Both 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys’ teams are doing well and enjoying the season.
  - Jeremy said that they are looking at a March Madness themed fundraiser with more details to come from the committee in March.

### **New Business**

- None

### **Future Business**

- More on Long Range Planning to be discussed during the second semester

### **Closing Prayer**

Father Dan led us in the closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting will be Monday, January 2, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.