



ST. MONICA SCHOOL
"Learn, live and love through Jesus"

School Board Committee Meeting Minutes
Date: January 8, 2009

Item	Discussion Summary	Action / Follow-up Required
Attendance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excused • Guests 	C. Hutt (excused), all others in attendance	
Meeting Notes		
1. Call To Order and Opening Prayer	R. Jablonowski (Call To Order) P. Coleman (Prayer)	
2. Approval of Minutes	December meeting minutes reviewed and approved.	
3. Review of Agenda and Announcements	R. Jablonowski	
4. Pastor's Report	Fr. Herda presented the Pastor's report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Campaign update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commitments to date are greater than \$1 million on approximately 370 total pledges ○ \$1.5 million goal will be difficult to meet ○ Parish share of 60% of funds may go towards charitable commitments, church bathrooms, educational endowment and school office relocation • Archdiocese Pro-Life Mass will be held on January 22, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Bishop Callahan will celebrate the mass • Catholic School week kicks off with an open house on January 25 followed by a spaghetti dinner in the evening • The Tarantino's will host the Annual Fund party on January 23 	
5. Principal's Report	Ms. Schram presented the principal's report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Schram has pulled a group of teachers and parents together to look at strengthening the school uniform policy. Group will meet on January 15 • Theresa Lui(sp) will make a presentation to the students on her trip to China as part of Catholic Schools week. 	1.
6. Home & School Report	Ms. Nelson presented the Home & School report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home & School budget is on target for the year. • \$9,700 contributed to the Teacher/Staff fund appeal prior to Christmas 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advent liturgy went well • Christmas Eve liturgy is looking to include non-school children • Dinner Dance results are strong, but not at level of 2007. Looking for new ideas for next year. • Scrip is doing very well. Approximately \$400,000 in sales so far this year. • Parent no-shows for lunchroom duty continues to be a problem 	
7. Teacher's Report	<p>Ms. Mullany presented for the teachers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meetings held this week • Mrs. Weckworth has obtained a new video camera for the computer lab • Art news <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preparing for Chinese New Year and Valentine Day ○ Lots of art on display throughout the school • 5-K Christmas show rescheduled for January 9 due to snow day in December 	
8. Faculty Presentation	<p>Mrs. Cameron presented on the Jr. High Math program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Cameron new to St. Monica this year. 25 years experience in teaching math • Has been working since may to expand opportunities in math: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trying to improve the pace of learning ○ Ms. Nelson has been working with the 5th and 6th grades ○ 7th grade offers two levels of algebra based on ability – full book and half book ○ 8th grade offers three levels of algebra base on 7th grade results – half book, algebra and high algebra • Mrs. Cameron has been impressed with the level of improvement in the math skills of the students over the first half of the year. Students have really stepped up. • Will take time to achieve all of the goals, but making good progress • Visiting high schools and sharing math curriculum (Whitefish Bay and Dominican to date, plan on meeting with others) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dominican plans on accepting St. Monica recommendation on freshman math placement ○ High algebra students should enter geometry in freshman year, possible algebra students may be recommended for geometry • Successes so far this year: 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seeing consistently high scores on tests ○ Kick off of Stock Market Program for 7th and 8th grade classes. 10 week internet simulation 	
9. Parent Comments	None	
10. New Business	New business items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent listening sessions scheduled for February 10 at 9:15 and 6:30 ● Short discussion on Priority List Policy and objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Policy distributed ○ Discussion deferred to February 5 meeting 	
11. Old Business	Old business items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Financial Aid Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposed policy statement was handed out for review ○ Still looking for input from those involved with financial aid decisions ○ Reviewed PSAS (Private School Aid Service) process. ○ Plan on final review at next meeting in order to be able to distribute guidelines to families as they begin the registration process 	1
12. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Finance Committee (Eck, Mattix) 	Finance Committee report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● December financials not available for review ● Approved Priority List items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Smartboard projector replacement and wall bracket ○ Anti-Bullying T-shirts for Catholic Schools Week 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Professional Growth Committee (Coleman, Mattix) 	No report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Diversity Committee (Phillips, Christensen) 	No report. Need to make sure we distribute approved policy to broader school community	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Education and Policy Advisory Committee (Boettinger, Hutt, Phillips) 	No report. Presented as part of Financial Aid Policy discussion under Old Business.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parish Council Liaison 	No report	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletic Association Liaison (Nelson) 	No report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology Committee Liaison (Christensen) 	No report. Parish is looking at server replacement.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Committee Liaison (Coleman) 	Mr. Mlada reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December and January have been very busy • Annual Fund update through December 31, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tom is cautiously optimistic at this point ○ Slightly off last years pace in total committed and number of donors, however started one month later this year. Did not want to conflict with Dinner Dance and Capital Campaign ○ Of contributions received, many at or above prior year level ○ Kick off party at Tarantino's on January 23 • Recruitment update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We are welcoming new K5 and 7th grade students in January. ○ Lots of visits happening ○ Enrollment for next year looks good 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Formation Liaison (Hutt) 	No report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building and Grounds Committee Liaison (Christensen, Eck) 	No report. Been having difficulty connecting with committee.	
13. Adjournment	R. Jablonowski <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:55 pm 	

Minutes Recorded by: R. Jablonowski