

St. Columbkille School Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes

**Location:** St. Columbkille School Library

**Date:** February 6th, 2014 – 7PM

Roll Call

Role	Name	Present?
Pastor	Fr. Damian Zuerlein	no
School Staff Principal	Mr. Jim Makey Mrs. Brandi Redburn	yes yes
Council Officers President Vice President Secretary	Dr. Kristi Preisman Mrs. Barb Muellner Mr. Jared Hollinger	no yes yes
Other Council Members	Mrs. Amy Bova Mrs. Tracey Brousek Mrs. Mindy Pelton Mr. Terry Buckman Mrs. Suzy Plambeck Mr. Kirt McAlpine	yes no yes yes yes no

**Opening Prayer**

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by M. Pelton.

**Opening Statement**

None

**Principal's Report- Mr. Jim Makey**

1. Registration for next school year: We will likely utilize the new student information program for registration online.
2. AdvancED Accreditation: March 4rd & 4th is the scheduled accreditation visit. Everyone is invited to the exit interview at 3:30PM on 3/4/1.
3. Kindergarten roundup: Will take place on April 3rd & 4th. Will split the group into 2 halves and each will go thru the whole day (30 on Thursday, 30 of Friday). Each day the group will be split into 2 groups of 15.

4. Report Card committee: Our current report cards are between the standard spaced report card and the traditional card. Mr. Makey would like the SAC to do some assigned reading to help give feedback on which method would be ideal for our school. Continued discussion will occur at the March meeting.
5. Safety Committee: Committee met in January. One of the items that was discussed was the installation of new interior door locks. The bid was well beyond our capabilities and Mr. Makey is looking into additional options.

Cornhusker now has signage in both directions and the flashing lights work westbound on Cornhusker.

6. ALEKS pilot: Currently in progress in grades 4-6 with at home work getting assigned.
7. Lunch program: Mrs. Redburn has researched available lunch programs and a group was taken to St. Gerald's to sample the District 66 program. The responses from the children were very positive. The cost of the lunches will be approximately \$1.00 more. The service staff will be handled in house with staff and volunteers but the state reimbursement will be retained by St. C's to offset the cost.
8. HAL future: St C's has a significant number of participants and we are unsure of the continuation of the program next year. The administration is looking into options to continue the program in house if we are unable to continue with PLV.
9. Parent-teacher conferences: Scheduled for February 13-14 and will be run the same as the first semester.

#### **Principal Report Comments and Discussion**

**None**

#### **Pastor's Report – Fr. Damian Zurlein**

**None**

#### **Finance Committee/Pastoral Council Report – T. Buckman**

The Facilities committee that was tasked with the new gymnasium discussions has tabled to discussion until 2016.

2. New signage for the school was approved.

#### **Finance Committee/Pastoral Council Report Comments and Discussion**

**None**

## **Athletic Council Report – D. Van Haute**

None

## **President's Report-K. Preisman**

None

## **Committee Reports**

### Teachers and Stewards for Kids (TASK) – K.Preisman/T. Brousek

None

### Enrichment – K. Preisman

The semester is going strong. The Construction and Design club took new members this semester and the Speech and Debate club began their meetings in January. The Rosary club will be splitting into two groups. One group will remain as the Rosary Club and the other part of the group will become the Legion of Mary. Both groups will continue to meet on Fridays after school.

### Building and Grounds – J. Hollinger

Work continued on the school signage. Estimates for the school signage are in and awaiting approval/direction from the Pastoral council. Initial estimates are in for the monument sign and are being modified.

### Development – M. Pelton/A. Bova/B. Muellner

None

### Acts of Kindness Through Service (AKTS) – M.Pelton

Seventh and Eighth grade officers led the last meeting. The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 21 during lunch in the art room. In March, 7th graders will make flannel blankets for the Linus Project. Blankets were purchased from a \$100 donation from HSA. Eighth grade St. Columbkille students who formerly volunteered at Sunday nights at Welcove for Bingo and dinner service passed the opportunity to 7th graders who were not as interested. The volunteer activity is being redirected to another school. St. Columbkille students will continue to help with special events at Welcove and all are encouraged to do service on their own.

A.K.T.S. students would like to repeat last year's movie night held in the Steinhausen Center as our first recruiting effort to invite this year's sixth graders to participate next year. Students will watch the movie "The Ultimate Gift" and discuss service ideas. There are about 40 participants in this year's A.K.T.S club: eight 7th graders and 33 graduating 8th graders. Parents of this year's sixth and seventh grade students are needed to lead next year's group if A.K.T.S. is to continue. A bulletin board in the school will display photos of students involved in service projects this month.

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Mentorship Committee – K. Preisman

No Report

**Open Discussion/New Business & Outcomes**

SAC Goals for 2013-14

Art Resources for our students: No Discussion

Mentorship for new families: Discussion was had on the overall structure of the program and the committee will come next month with options.

Parent Survey

Various changes were discussed and made to the upcoming parent survey. The final survey will be distributed the week of February 10th.

**Series Policy Review**

In Progress:

“Employee Internet - Appropriate Use Policy”: B. Muellner will review policy and will shorten policy to summarize because long-form will be incorporated in the employee handbook. Final changes will be made and it will be brought to the group in March for approval.

“Parent Stewardship Program - 5005.1”: Additional changes were made and will be voted on in March

New Reviews:

#5015.1 School Attendance: Edits were made by the SAC and a final version will be brought for approval in March.

#5016.1 Authorized Release From School: Edits were made by the SAC and a final version will be brought for approval in March.

#5030.1 Discipline: No changes made.

ACCEPTED/APPROVED:

“Student Medications - 5007.1”: A. Bova motioned for approval, second by T. Buckman. motion carried.

“Scope of Supervision – 5011.2”: Additional changes were made. T. Buckman motioned for approval, second by J. Hollinger, motion carried.

**Closing**

The meeting was closed with a prayer by B. Muellner

Next Meeting: Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – 7:00PM (School Library)

Minutes Preparation: J. Hollinger