

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School Council
Meeting Highlights
February 4, 2010
7:00 p.m.
St. Bonaventure Center

School Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi School exists to form, inform and transform students as members of Christ's Mystical Body

Council Mission: To advise and assist the Pastor and school administration in fulfilling the mission of the school

- January minutes were approved.
- The retreat for committee leaders on January 30th focused on hospitality, the importance of inclusion, and contacting those who had volunteered through our stewardship program. Group goals were reviewed.
- SFA is hosting the girls' upper division post-season tournament. 6th and 8th grade boys' tournaments continue at this time also.
- Track practice begins on March 1st. Track meet dates so far are April 17th, April 24th, and May 1st. A conflict between one track meet and the Chastity Retreat was noted but any changes are not certain.
- Chess meets this month are at Gordon Parks Academy, Pleasant Valley, and Mulvane.
- A report of parents making unsafe u-turns in the school parking lot will be checked into further.
- Scholars Bowl final meet is on February 18th at Magdalen. Religion Bowl was held Thursday, February 4th, at St. Thomas Aquinas.
- Jim Williams made presentations to parents and students at St. Francis, SEAS, and St. Peter's during his visit in January.
- Adherence to the dress code by 7th/8th grade students will be addressed with random weekly dress code inspections, with parental notification when necessary.
- Catholic Schools Week was February 1st-5th, with many activities throughout the week.
- Kansas Assessments begin on February 17th and continue into April.
- MAPP testing has been completed in the 2nd grade classes.
- Thirteen students are participating in the MAD Science Group, studying chemistry.
- New ideas for Spirit Shirt designs are being considered, as well as the possibility of selling other items such as hats or visors.
- The Scholastic Book Fair took 2nd place in a national contest, earning the school a trophy, banner, and \$1,000 to purchase items for the school.
- Calendar and inservice planning for the next school year have begun.
- St. Francis and other schools will be participating in a fund drive for the Katherine Drexel Fund that assists qualified schools within the diocese.
- Preschool has a few openings for the coming school year and kindergarten screening will begin this month.
- The Home and School Association is pleased with the success of Catholic Schools Week.
- A skating party is scheduled for February 10th. Papa John's Nights have raised approximately \$700.
- Marcia Bradfield will replace Laurie Briggs as the liaison between the Parish Council and the School Council.

- The transitions and scheduling of this year's 5th grade class was discussed, as well as options for making the daily schedule progress more smoothly for these students when they enter 6th grade.
- The possibility of a gate along the fence near the Bekemeyer crossing was raised. This would make a safer exit from the parking lot for those students crossing Bekemeyer on foot.
- The timing of school spring pictures was questioned. That schedule is determined by Lifetouch.
- The next council meeting is Thursday, March 4, 2010.