

# St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic School

## School Advisory Council

**Minutes:** Thursday, August 28, 2014

**Attendees:**

Fr. Cliff Smith	Patricia Opon
John Garvey	Annette Vela
Paula Allgood	Debbie Reed
Claudine Humphries	Janiece Evans-Page
Gilberto Aguilar	Dee Williams
Eileen Brosnahan	

**Opening Prayer – Fr. Cliff**

**Nominations for SAC**

The following were nominated for positions within the SAC:

President – Janiece Evans-Page  
Vice President – Gilberto Aguilar  
Secretary – Leigh Ann Clavenna

**Principal Report:**

- Enrollment – 587 with 10 new late enrollments, official enrollment date is 9/15
- After school care is full
- There was some initial concerns regarding ECE students transitioning between buildings into the pre-school building
- Primary goal of the administration is Technology infusion into the classrooms – the teachers will need to be prepared
- 2<sup>nd</sup> goal is the Marzano's educational model – Implement design questions to enhance teacher instruction. Evaluation of the system based on these statements.
- Tech Facilitator – position that teaches the teachers how to utilize new technology
- The wireless infrastructure will be in as of 9/19
- There will be an optional Tech Committee for teachers who are already comfortable with new technologies – this is optional
- Teachers McCormick and Blankenship are very strong in the area of technology
- Middle school students can also be resources

- The notes from the SAC Tech Committee need to be forwarded to Principal Opon – John Garvey took this action
- Assistant Principal Eileen Brosnahan came to us from St. Rita, her strengths are Language Arts and Catholic schools; she is also good at finding answers and has initiative
- Dibbels – analyzing results & reporting to teachers – asked them to do this when meeting with parents.

### **Committee Updates:**

- **Finance & Technology – John Garvey**
  - Year 13/14 ended with a \$50K surplus
  - Overall \$1.6M surplus, but enrollment is down and we have a \$300K deficit for 14/15 – plan “B” would be to go to 2 classes per grade vs. 3
  - We have \$500K targeted to spend on facilities this year as well as \$250K set aside for roof repairs in hopes that we can ask the Catholic Foundation for the rest that is needed
  - The Donorschoose.org grant writing program was mentioned
  - Lovejoy ISD has a tuition program for those that are not within their district
  - The St Mark Auction has been bringing in \$30-50K profit this past year
  - Technology at other Catholic schools: COW – Computers on Wheels, IPAD carts, All Saints has Google Chromebooks; JPII Google apps and loaners are Chromebooks & POP is looking for a Technology Director
- **Marketing**
  - Debbie Reed started in April and has been working on the website to make it more public friendly
  - We will have a web designer for \$200 who is a parent volunteer, printed materials need updating and the designer will meet with Fr. Cliff tomorrow and will discuss updating the logo
  - Retention – Newsletter to keep parents informed; Alumni association to keep ex-students engaged
  - Toyota will be relocating in 2018 – opportunity for us to reach out
  - Lions Den Spiritwear is now online – Coach Ehring would like to get volunteers to open up the store on Friday mornings
- **Views from the Pews**
  - Uniforms
- **Additional Items**
  - Gilberto will send out meeting notices via Outlook for the upcoming meetings so that they are on everyone’s calendar
  - We now have 8 SAC members

### **Adjournment**