



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes: Thursday, August 27, 2015

Attendees:

Fr. Cliff Smith	Patricia Opon
Pam Steinkirchner	Debbie Reed
Annette Vela	Gilberto Aguilar
Bill Wray	Jeff Hoke
Paula Allgood	Claudine Humphries
Angie Baldwin	Mitch Bates

Opening Prayer: Fr. Cliff

Minutes: No prior meeting minutes to approve – awaiting receipt from LeighAnn Clavenna

Meeting Kickoff: Mrs. Opon (Principal):

- Kicked off the meeting with the introduction of new council members
- All members reviewed and signed the Code of Ethics
- Nomination/Election of officers for the 2015/16 school year:
 - President: Gilberto Aguilar
 - Vice President: Mitch Bates
 - Secretary: Angie Baldwin
- Selection of Committee Chairs:
 - Finance: Paula Allgood (Chair), John Garvey, Claudine Humphries
 - Facilities: Bill Wray (Chair), Mitch Bates, Jeff Hoke
 - Technology: Gilberto Aguilar (Chair), John Garvey, Angie Baldwin
 - Marketing: No longer needed, handled by Debbie Reed
 - Strategy/Planning: No individuals assigned at this time, waiting on the diocesan superintendent to come on board. We will then need to blend the two and align. Tabled for now.

Pastor's Report:

- December 10th will be the first play of the year with 22 kids participating on stage
- Father is making all costumes for the play
- The new stage was paid for by the parish

Principal's Report:

- Survey:
 - Great participation and provided a lot of direction for how to proceed this year
 - Survey indicated school families are not aware of the School Advisory Committee, need to broaden visibility
- UD Ministry Conference:
 - October 22, 2015
 - All SAC members were asked to consider attending, school will pay for attendance
- Safe Environment Training:
 - Confirmed during meeting that all SAC members are Safe Environment trained
- Start of School:
 - Great start to the school year, everything went very calmly the first week of school and thus far running very smoothly.
 - Teachers are very organized, aware of expectations and planned accordingly
 - Expectations were articulated to teachers beginning in early Spring
 - Staff is trying very hard
- STEM:
 - Pam Steinkirchner (Assistant Principal) is leading ongoing STEM initiative
 - Teachers are participating in STEM as well, during their in-service they built a boat and loaded it with pennies to see which boat held the most without sinking – “Sam in the life boat” project
 - Students are really loving all the various STEM activities and these will be highlighted in the newsletter
- Differentiation:
 - Mrs. Opon is leading Differentiation initiative
 - Recognizing the differences between learners so that all students in a class have the best possible chance of learning
 - School needs to be fun and engaging, working to make all subjects engaging to further enhance learning

Marketing Report (Debbie Reed):

- Still giving quite a few tours and welcoming new families
- Joined the Plano and Richardson Chambers of Commerce in order to enhance visibility
- St. Mark Catholic School banners have been placed in four PSA locations
- Continuing to explore viable marketing options

School Finance Report (Annette Vela):

- Early Childhood Education Update:
 - Pre-K₃ went from one class to two classes this year
 - Pre-K₄ has two classes

Closing Prayer: Fr. Cliff

Adjournment

Next meeting Thursday, September 24, 2015