



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes: Thursday, October 22, 2015

Attendees:

Fr. Cliff Smith	Patricia Opon
Pam Steinkirchner	Debbie Reed
Annette Vela	Gilberto Aguilar
Bill Wray	Jeff Hoke
Mitch Bates	Claudine Humphries
John Garvey	

Opening Prayer: Fr. Cliff

Minutes: September meeting minutes approved with addition of changes made by Debbie Reed

Pastor's Report:

Vocations week went great last week.

Movie night last weekend was a nice event with good school representation.

Principal's Report:

- Renovations will begin to complete a hallway from Ms. O'Connor's office to the hallway so that the conference room is not disturbed during meetings. Mr. Pantuso will donate materials and Jose will complete the work.
- St. Mark will become a certified Digital Citizenship School. The purpose is to teach students to become responsible digital citizens. www.common sense.org

Assistant Principal's Report:

- Newcomer gathering in association with parish group leaders went well.

- STEM:
 - Pam Steinkirchner (Vice Principal) is leading ongoing STEM initiative
 - Tower of Babel - students work as a team
 - Baby Egg Project - students design car restraints for their baby eggs - 8th grade
 - Parade Float - kindergarten students
 - STEM Day - Jill Brooks of Raytheon will do an Infrared presentation for 6th graders; Science teachers will have subs that day so they can participate as well
 - STEM Night - April 8 - for all students; Eric Noe (former student) is organizing presentations by TI, Apple, Raytheon
- Spelling Bee - will be hosted at St. Mark on January
- 8th grade to visit St. Monica in Dallas to see the relics of St. Maria Goretti on Nov. 3
- 8th grade Living Saints presentations Nov. 2
- Changes based on surveys - alignment of virtues; centers, enrichments touted as busy work; science curriculum - many of the fill in the blank answers are subjective
- Sign-up Genius launched for choosing electives

Marketing Report (Debbie Reed):

- 5 tours in last 2 weeks, 4 kids start on Monday
- Open House Nov. 8 - will have a brochure table for all of the school

Finance Report (Annette Vela)

Facilities Report (Bill Wray):

- Need to put together a list with amounts:
 - gym ceiling needs to be cleaned and repainted
 - desks that need to be replaced
 - paint after school care area
 - AC units?

Closing Prayer: Fr. Cliff

Adjournment

Next meeting Thursday, November 19, 2015