



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes: Thursday, November 19, 2015

Attendees:

Fr. Cliff Smith	Patricia Opon
Debbie Reed	Annette Vela
Melissa Humason	Gilberto Aguilar
Angela Baldwin	Paula Allgood
Mitch Bates	Claudine Humphries
John Garvey	

Opening Prayer: Fr. Cliff

Minutes: October meeting minutes approved.

Pastor's Report:

- Advent in 10 days, extending confessions 8:30am and every evening of the week.
- December 9th School Confessions
- December 10th Play
- December 15th Teacher Luncheon
- December 17th Christmas Pageant
- Father in process of networking with other theater teachers (high school) to share props, costumes, etc.

Principal's Report:

- Middle School midterms week of December 14th.
- HSA Pizza/Movie Night, December 9th.
 - Working to build upon "community."
- IOWA Scores were sent out. Pam pulling together information for DECATS. Large number of DECAT nominees this year and data looks good. Many students are achieving above their potential.
- 5th Grade at the Pines
- Fall Enrichment finished and new programs are being established for the Spring.

- Teacher observations occurring: 10 a year, 9 informal and 1 formal. Formal observation lasts for 45 minutes.
- Considering a new way to handle Parent/Teacher conferences. Possibly adding evening conferences to the schedule.
- Boys uniforms are changing. Gray pants will be phased in and green pants phased out.
- Will review 2016 Calendar at next SAC meeting on 12/17/15.
- Facilities:
 - Next year's budget needs to consider a text book adoption program.
 - Will need a new roof in the next 5 years.
 - Start first with replacing area over the library.
 - Need to start replacing 40-50 desks per year at \$125 each.
 - Need to build into facilities budget a replacement fund and consider the "unknowns".
- Technology:
 - Deployment of ipads going well.
 - Purchase did not include headsets, headsets now needed.
 - Committee needs to meet to determine needs. Meeting will occur after the SAC meeting on 12/17/15.
 - No big needs for next year.
 - Need to consider what to do with the remainder of the funds.
 - 4th/6th/8th grade teachers have implemented SeeSaw.
 - Similar to Facebook for parents to see what their children are working on, sharing notes from teachers and pictures.
 - Debbie Reed is putting together a montage of clips of what is going on school wise with regards to technology.
 - Will be shown at pastries for parents and/or incorporated into family day for Catholic Schools Week.
 - First School Marketing Video was created in the Middle School Elective and will be shown at Open House, School Tours, etc...
 - Consider purchasing a video monitor to show school video along with other photos, technology clips, etc... To be placed above Pam Steinkirchner's office.

Annette Vela's Report:

- Conducting a lot of tours, shadowing opportunities, etc...
- Working on Finance report, excel tool will be ready after Thanksgiving.
- Mid-January tuition has to go to the diocese/catholic school registration issued to parents shortly after for 2016/2017 school year.
- New rates will also need to be uploaded to facts before re-registration.

- Re-registration will begin February 6-19th, 2016.

President's Report:

- Reminder to participate in the Chamber events.
- Turn in bios to Debbie.
- Provided update from UD Ministry Conference, along with key takeaways:
 - Need to engage more on the surveys.
 - Schools encouraged to benchmark around standards.
 - Board needs to lead the vision of the school and needs to be passionate about the school.
 - Strengthen the connection between parish and school. Considering linking Parish Council to SAC.

Marketing Report (Debbie Reed):

- Needs Bios and photos from the SAC board.
- Gilberto attending Plano Chamber of Commerce Business Interchange. Occurs every Friday, 30 seconds to give an "infomercial" on STMCS. Would like to have every SAC member do at least one meeting.
- Would also like to target big quarterly luncheon meetings at the Chambers.
- December 11th @ 7:30am, photo-op to receive plaque with picture. Need someone to attend and represent STMCS.
- A lot of tour activity. "How did you hear about us?" Most indicate referrals, internet, and church bulletins.
- Held first open house: 11 families attended. Some have already registered for next year.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Cliff

Adjournment

Next meeting Thursday, December 17, 2015