



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes: Thursday, September 29, 2016

Attendees:

Patricia Opon	Pam Steinkirchner
Debbie Reed	Annette Vela
Angela Baldwin	Jeff Hoke
Mitch Bates	Paula Allgood

Opening Prayer: Paula Allgood

Minutes: Approved

Principal's Report:

- Busy beginning to the school year.
- Grandparents Day was wildly successful and went really well.
- 2nd Grade went on their 1st ever Field Trip to the Dallas World Aquarium.
 - Studied Lifecycles of Animals
 - Another way to grow STEM
- Every discipline is doing something to push STEM including PE and Religion.
 - Religion with the "Blessing of the Animals"
- 8th Grade high school visits over 3 days: JP II/Bishop Lynch/Jesuit/Ursuline
 - 8th Graders not making school visits will have the option to stay on campus.
- New ideas for Fundraising:
 - Review Gaming App: United Games
 - Consider Amazon Prime Link to School
 - Grandparents Day to be held on Book Fair day with spirit store open
- Faculty Volunteer/Community Service Day 9/29/16:
 - Day Spring Nursing Home
 - St. Vincent de Paul Store
 - STMCS Food Pantry
- Will discuss use of 2017 Auction Proceeds at the next SAC meeting
- Use of last year's Auction proceeds:
 - Final touches on gym, bleachers, new scoreboard
 - Muralist secured and will finalize over Christmas break
 - Updates to playground to occur on 9/29 or 9/30
 - Holding on to remaining proceeds for an additional idea to be discussed at next SAC meeting
- Working to "Service all Children"
 - STEAM: Science/Technology/Engineering/Arts/Math
 - Broadening the Arts along with STEM
- Google Classroom being used in Mrs. Salvia's class

Assistant Principal's Report:

- Great success on the Duke TIP
 - 41% of 7th grade selected based on last year's standardized tests
- STMCS put in an application to be a Duke TIP test center for the PSAT with testing on 12/10/16 & 1/14/17.
- Parish Meet & Greet for New families in the Parish Center
 - Various organizations from the Parish will be present
- Career Week, 10/12-14/16: Early Childhood-4th
 - 2 people visiting each day for 3 days
- Vocation Week, 10/12-14/16 for 5th – 8th grade
- October is the Month of the Rosary
 - Rosary will be said in the cafeteria every Wednesday morning at 7:20am
 - Invitation to be sent to all parents to join
- Work of Heart
 - Don't forget to recognize your outstanding teachers through the Work of Heart website

Finance Report (Annette Vela):

- Financial Aid
 - Diocese standardized process through FACTS
- Auditors reviewed school records and declared all was in order, will present findings to Parish Council in September.

Marketing Report (Debbie Reed):

- Dignitary Assembly: "St. Mark: Making A Difference in Our Community for 35 Years" on 10/7/16.
 - Jeff Leach/Van Taylor/Rep from Sam Johnson's Office to be in attendance.
 - All students will participate, students in scouting organizations are encouraged to wear their uniforms.
- Now advertising in St. Jude, St. Gabriel, and Our Lady of the Angels bulletins in addition to others
- Still a member of the Plano Chamber of Commerce and SAC members are encouraged to go and network and promote STMCS.

President's Report:

- Gilberto to attend Ministry Conference

Technology Report:

- Google Classroom: Currently on hold in 6th grade, Paula Allgood offered training opportunity for teachers.

Facilities Report:

- Tackling ongoing beautification projects and working through roof and A/C repairs.

Closing Prayer: Mrs. Opon

Adjournment

Next meeting: Thursday, October 20, 2016