



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes: Thursday, March 24, 2016

Attendees:

Father Cliff Smith	Patricia Opon
Pam Steinkirchner	Debbie Reed
Annette Vela	Gilberto Aguilar
Angela Baldwin	Claudine Humphries
Jeff Hoke	Bill Wray
John Garvey	

Opening Prayer: Fr. Cliff

Minutes: February minutes approved.

Pastor's Report:

- Living Stations of the Cross will be this morning at 10:30am
- Kiln being delivered to the Art Classroom on Monday
- Projector in the Cafeteria is being replaced and has been gifted by the church

Principal's Report:

- Working on curriculum, have analyzed curriculum at all levels
- New handwriting program (essays, etc...) will be implemented K-8th (a 3-year plan)
- English/Reading program enhancements made.
- Moving from History in 7th grade to Geography. Will have text book and on line access.
- Working this week with Patty Corsi, to enhance music education. Brining back teaching of recorders in elementary and additional instruments to music class. Considering an Honors Choir during middle school electives. In very early stages of discussion.
- Ms. Tammy Williams will discuss an art show for elementary kids and possibly middle school kids
- Working to enhance 3K and 4K curriculum, looking at options.

- Eighth grade students represented the school well in high school acceptance with virtually all students receiving invitations to their school of choice. Several scholarships were awarded
- Survey will be going out soon to parents.
- April 22nd and 24th will be a four-day weekend in order to use our inclement weather days that were not previously used.
- Auction: most of the committee will remain on for 2017. Plan is to roll people on the committee for 2-year increments. A live band has been hired for next year and the auction will be February 18, 2017 at the Marriott once again.
- 2017 Spring Break does not match with Plano schools. This date is selected by the diocese and not one that STMCS can change.
- Enhancing “Back To School” events. Adding “Back To School Sunday.”

Finance Report (Annette Vela):

- Enrollment:
 - Letter of introduction to new families from Vela/Steinkirchner/Opon sent
 - April 1st is the first deadline to complete acceptance/application process

Assistant Principal's Report:

- STEM night is taking off, lots of participants
 - Yoyo lady will come to the school before STEM to generate buzz among the kids
 - Fabulous door prizes, \$500 towards tuition, Lego Robotics, gift certificates, cellphone chargers, etc. (must be present to win)
- 2nd to 8th grade will begin doing field trips

President's Report:

- TI actively volunteering at STEM and working on obtaining door prizes.
- A gate at the school playground should be considered for next year's auction proceeds.
- Reaching out to Spanish speaking Faith Formation classes and discussing St. Mark's school

Marketing Report (Debbie Reed):

- Tours continue to be going well.
- Many internet referrals, bulletins, etc.
- April 27th will be the Early Childhood Open House and picnic

- Need remaining bios from the SAC group and will take photos after the meeting

Technology Report:

- Mrs. Opon attending an Apple conference to review new Apple classroom app.
- Google classroom also being explored

Facilities Report:

- Waiting to receive some renderings for playground and shade screen

Closing Prayer: Fr. Cliff

Adjournment

Next meeting: Thursday, April 28, 2016