



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes: Thursday, May 26, 2016

Attendees:

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

Opening Prayer: Fr. Cliff

Minutes: April minutes approved.

Pastor's Report:

- Musical was a success; many present from the diocese including the new school superintendent.
 - Article will be published in the Texas Catholic.
 - Two students that were in the play have auditioned for JP II Drama program and have been accepted.
- Repairs underway across the church and school due to hail damage.

Principal's Report:

- Surveys completed but not yet reviewed, to be reviewed and analyzed over the summer.
- Looking for an additional 3k Teacher and a part-time 3k aid.
- Newcomer Coffee was a success.
- Working to continue to make curriculum and extra-curriculars diverse and appeal to all students with strands in Fine Arts and Math/Science.
- Drama Kids was very successful this year among the 1st-5th graders and they ended the school year with an outstanding and impressive performance.
- Orchestra was also successful this year and will be split into two groups.
 - 26 kids enrolled in Orchestra.
 - Looking to make Orchestra a middle school elective next school year occurring two times per week.
- Ms. Corsi's music class will now include instruments that will be incorporated into the music class lesson plan.
- Next school year, children in 3rd/4th/5th grade will be provided with recorders. The recorders will be part of the supply list and the children will be allowed to keep the recorders.

- New handwriting program slated for the 2016/17 Early Childhood Center School year.
- IC Scores and placement test coming in with students doing very well. Many students are placing in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place categories; several students going into high school at the top of their class.
- STMCS has four state qualifiers of Duke Tip.
- Continue to look at opportunities for cost savings.
- Next year's school theme will be "COMMUNITY".

Finance Report (Annette Vela):

- Status quo
- Watching every penny, working with diocese on group contracts and leveraging their contacts.
- New organization changes in the school to consolidate/centralize supplies in an effort to be good stewards of all proceeds and use items we already have.

President's Report:

- Verified School hours and when staff would be present.
 - ½ days in June
 - Off all of July
 - Full days in August beginning the 1st week of August
 - Will let the SAC know if we need to meet over the summer.
 - Requested that everyone remain on the board.

Marketing Report (Debbie Reed):

- Plano and Richardson Chambers of Commerce events were very successful.
 - Generated a lot of positive connections and had quite a few attendees.
- Be on the lookout for press concerning the musical and an ad in the June Graduation issue of the Texas Catholic.

Technology Report:

- Mrs. Opon met with QHT last week to review their contract and services. Informed them the committee would be meeting again soon and would be back in touch.
- Received some input on Chrome books/Laptops, etc.
- Do not think there are more funds needed at this time for the introduction of new technology.

Facilities Report:

- Slow and steady improvement. Gym on target for the summer. Roofs are being repaired.
- Working directly with Miracle Playgrounds and awaiting bids for possible improvements to the playground.

Other:

- SAC was asked to brainstorm ideas for next year's theme, "community."
- Ideas to consider:
 - Additional Financial Aid
 - Tuition Donation Options, "Round-Up Tuition"
 - Evaluate tuition options to make budgeting easier for parents.
 - Scrips program (1/2 to school/ 1/2 tuition)
 - Dad's Club (Community & Service)
 - Parents Prayer Group
 - Crossfit/Yoga for parents

Closing Prayer: Fr. Cliff

Adjournment

Next meeting: Thursday, August 18, 2016