

MINUTES
ST. ANTHONY'S P.T.O. MEETING
February 8, 2007
Room 14

- I. A light lunch was served at 11:45am and President Debbie Martin called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.
- II. Mr. Carey led us in an opening prayer.
- III. TREASURER'S REPORT by Mike Loughney
 - a. A Treasury Report handout was made available to all present.
 - b. Currently \$84,294.58 available in account.
 - c. We are current on all bills.
 - d. Not much has happened in past month.
 - e. Our next big event is the Italian Dinner.
- IV. POWER POINT PRESENTATION – Mrs. Polacek / ITBS Testing Explanation
 - a. Iowa Test of Basic Skills is the standardized testing done at St. Anthony's the first week in October.
 - i. The testing is done early in the year so that the teachers can have results to be used all year long.
 - ii. The early results help teachers and parents to set goals so children can attain these goals.
 - iii. The results also help to show areas where students may need extra assistance.
 - b. The ITBS has been done at our school for the past 4 years.
 - c. It was chosen by the Diocese for all parochial schools in the State of California.
 - d. Students have their first testing done in the second grade (a limited version) and then each year following.
 - e. During each grade the tests emphasize different sections.
 - f. The scoring is broken down on the result sheet.
 - i. The results are on a curve with a result of 50 as excellent.
 - ii. The overall score is the Stanine Result.
 - g. A visual presentation of the SAS Results were shown broken down by each grade.
 - i. Our school is doing very well and our scores are excellent.
 - ii. We are and have been working to address dip in 7th and 8th grade Math scores – an AR Math program has begun.
 - h. Mr. Carey keeps an evaluation sheet for every student given to him by each teacher.
 - i. All parents may make an appointment with their teacher or with Mr. Carey to individually go over their child's score.

V. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT by Mr. Carey

- a. Catholic Schools Week - was a fun and spirited time. It is a very nice way to celebrate simultaneously with the other approximately 8,200 catholic schools across the country.
- b. The Little Saints Program - is a wonderful new program having the little ones learn to give service to others.
- c. Ash Wednesday and Lent - will be here soon and our school will be participating in an Ash Wednesday service as well as promoting Lenten understanding and practices.
- d. Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) - is the organization that gives accreditation to our school. It is conducting an extensive study and evaluation of our school this year. Surveys will be going home to all parents to be completed and returned.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Reading Night – held on January 31st was a wonderful event that shows students SAS and our families promote reading. There was a big turnout and the children really enjoyed the night.
- b. Italian Dinner – Will be held on February 24th. There will be dine-in or take-out available. Katherine Hammond is the chairperson and is still in need of volunteers.
- c. Spring Auction – will be held on May 19th with the theme of “15th Annual Spring Auction”. Amber Donny explained that our school is conducting a drawing contest and that 2 children from each grade will have their artwork put into a banner which will be auctioned off at the event.
- d. Donuts with Dads, Mornings with Moms, and The Grizzly Baseball Game – are tentatively scheduled in April and May. The dates are being checked by Mr. Carey and will then be confirmed.
- e. Board Games Day – has been running successfully each Wednesday during lunch in Room 14. There is a real nice turnout each week. We are looking for other parents to help out.

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION

- a. It was recommended that the children that are being picked up during school for outside appointments must be signed out at the office. Some of the children have been seen waiting in the parking lot outside of the fence and are left unsupervised.
- b. It was discussed that children coming from after school activities must make sure to be signed in and received properly by Campus Care so that there is never a time that any child is unaccounted for. Mr. Carey was concerned and encouraged that the parents work especially closely with Campus Care and the after school programs in these instances.

VII. Meeting adjourned by President Debbie Martin at 1:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kina Harris, Secretary