

MINUTES
ST. ANTHONY'S P.T.O. MEETING
March 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. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER – Coach Tim McConnico (on the SAS Athletic Department)
 - a. A hand-out listing all of the various sports teams offered at SAS was passed out to all present.
 - b. Coach McConnico explained each sport in detail: elementary cross-county, flag football, volleyball, golf, basketball, track, and soccer.
 - c. Our school competes in the Parochial Athletic League as well as with other surrounding public schools.
 - d. Most of our team sports coaches are volunteer parents; however, if a team is unable to find a volunteer coach, a search will be posted on the Bulldog Job Line.
 - e. Coach McConnico explained the SAS Physical Education Department.
 - i. Coach Roblee has been a wonderful addition. She has been with our school for the past three years.
 - ii. PE is scheduled Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for the 5th-8th grades; and Tuesdays and Thursdays for the 1st – 4th grades.
 - iii. This year La Cross and Cricket were added to PE.
 - iv. Once the Community Center is done, a lot of indoor activities (such as dance) will also be offered.
 - f. Open Discussion
 - i. Lisa Garver suggested having the PTO purchase new athletic uniforms for our sports teams. Coach McConnico responded that new uniforms are not necessary at this time.
 - ii. Kim Ball recommended having a snack bar at our school's home games. Majority present agreed this is a terrific idea and should be furthered.
 - iii. Debbie Martin asked if there was anyway that our school could better promote school spirit and support for our sports teams. A monthly sports calendar to go home in each Tuesday Packet was suggested. Also, signs that are painted by the junior high cheerleaders were recommended.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT by Mike Loughney

- a. A Treasury Report print-out was passed out to all present.
- b. There is \$85,475.72 currently available in the account.
- c. The Italian Dinner was an enjoyable event which earned approximately \$1,470.

V. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT by Mr. Carey

- a. Teachers enjoyed and benefited from the recent 3-day religious conference.
- b. The Italian Dinner was a very enjoyable mixer and a big success.
- c. This is WASC year. There will be lot of extra school days off this year which will be used for trainings, evaluations, etc.
- d. Our school is offering many academic extra curriculum activities.
 - i. The junior high participated in the science fair. The projects are currently displayed in our social hall. Winners can go on to Valley and State competition.
 - ii. Academic Decathlon teams are offered here SAS for 6-8th graders. Our teams compete against others on logic, super quizzes and contents contests. Our teams are very competitive and have even gone to the regional competition twice.
 - iii. We are piloting a math tutoring program. It is offered to anyone interested in brushing up on skills. It is a free program run by volunteers. Appreciation was expressed to Tracy DeBenedetto and Wayne Rutledge.
 - iv. Odyssey of the Mind is another extra curriculum activity in which our school participates. Academic teams are formed and then compete in mind-challenging/think-outside-the-box projects.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Debbie Martin

- a. Italian Dinner – was held on February 24th. It was a big success. The dinner is a longstanding tradition at SAS. It is not meant as one of our major fundraisers, but rather as a traditional mixer. It will continue here as long as the event continues to support itself and remain at all profitable.
- b. Art Banners – Each student at SAS has entered a religious drawing into a search. Two drawings from each class were selected and will be turned into 2' X 3' banners. These banners will be displayed at the SAS Auction in May and will be up for auction at that time. Also, all students' artwork entered into the search will soon be available for purchase in the format of greeting cards.
- c. Dates for upcoming events have been scheduled – Donuts with Dads will be April 19th, Mornings with Moms will be May 18th, and Grizzlies Night will be on May 4th.

- d. Game Day being held during lunchtime on Wednesdays in Room 14 has turned into a big success. Many children from several different grades are participating and enjoying board games, legos, bingo, etc.

VII. OPEN DISCUSSION

- a. Kim Ball suggested that the traditional school “Buddy Lunch” be reevaluated. Each year the event has gotten bigger and bigger. It has become extremely difficult for many families to participate. Mr. Carey agreed to reconsider this event and would follow up.
- b. Bullying on campus was discussed and Mr. Carey confirmed that our school is active in strongly opposing any type of bullying. There are heavy consequences to any student found participating in this.
- c. The issue of students carrying backpacks that are much too heavy was discussed. It was recommended that each child make use of the shelving systems that are available in each upper grade classroom.
- d. Tracy DeBenedetto thanked Mr. Carey for installing the soap dispensers in each restroom as she had requested in a previous PTO meeting.

VIII. Meeting adjourned by President Debbie Martin at 1:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kina Harris, Secretary