

St. Anthony's Catholic School
Advisory School Board Meeting
Minutes-March 18, 2010

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm.

Members Present: Msgr. Rob, Mr. McConnico, Michael Der Manouel, Jr., Eddie Fanucchi, Kathryn McDougal, Tamara Chapman, Jennifer O'Brien, Cristina Galang-Villegas

Members Absent: Zetta Hadden, Deb Martin

1. Prayer- Msgr. Rob
2. **Routine Business:**
 - 2.1 Minutes read and approved from February meeting
 - 2.2 No audience discussion topics
 - 2.3 No modifications to agenda
 - 2.4 Next Meeting April 22, 2010 at 6:00 pm
3. **Old Business:**
 - 3.1 Strategic Plan Update
 - The 5-year plan has been divided into two sections: 1) operational and 2) strategic plan based administration, staff and community input.
 - Reviewed in draft form
 - Suggested using KNXT for more school events if possible
 - Advisory School Board members are to review the plan and make comments. The comments are due by April 12th to Mr. McConnico.
 - 3.2 Fig Garden Soccer
 - Msgr. Rob and Mr. McConnico had a very positive meeting with Bruce Campbell.
 - A letter will be sent to the SAS parents detailing the soccer teams and league are administered by the Fig Garden Youth Soccer League (FGYSL) and are not governed by St. Anthony's School. This should clear up confusion on who to contact with questions and concerns. Questions and comments regarding the league, coaches or teams should be directed to the club President, Bruce Campbell and the FGYSL President.
 - The meeting covered the expectations of the soccer club coaches and agreed that they should be of the standards of St. Anthony's School.
 - Agreed there should be clearer communication to the parents about team selection and governance of the soccer club by FGYSL and not St. Anthony's School.
4. **Representation Reports:**

4.1 Church Report (Msgr. Rob Wenzinger)

- Everything is going well at the church.
- Msgr. Rob, Father Blessing are busy hearing confessions from the 3-8th grade students.
- The Finance committee is in the process of starting a Stewardship Program.
- The church is in the process of setting up ACH withdrawals for Sunday collections. This will save the church money on Staff hours and eliminate the number of envelopes the church purchases.
- The Bishops of CA will meet at the end of April (24/25) to discuss the Catholic position on political decisions being made up in Sacramento.

4.2 PTO Report (Mrs. Chapman)

- The March 11th meeting had a very good turnout.
- Current events:
 - Italian Dinner and Bocce Ball were a great event put on by the DiCicco's and the PTO
 - Reading day had over 60 students celebrating Dr. Suess's birthday with an afternoon of reading and games.
 - Donuts with Dad is March 24th. The event is being chaired by Mrs. Hume and Mrs. O'Brein.
 - Still looking for a chair for Morning s with Mom.
 - Aprils 30th is our annual Grizzlies night.
 - Auction team is in place. Tamara Chapman will be the Chair.

4.3 Principal's Report (Mr. McConnico)

- Mr. McConnico thanked the PTO and the DiCicco Family for a wonderful Italian Dinner. It was a great event that could not have happened without the support of many people.
- The winter sport seasons wrapped-up, but our Academic teams are in the middle of competitions. The Academic Decathlon team represented the school very well at SJM two weeks ago and our Odyssey of the Mind teams are gearing up for the State Championships at the end of the month. We also have students in the middle of the History Day and Science Fair competitions at the County level.
- Our K-5th grades enjoyed a day of opera. The Sierra Chamber Opera presented their annual opera to the kids. This gave our student's exposure to Opera as a performing art and helped them learn about time, time-zones and itineraries. The opera performs each year, for free, in exchange for practice space during the summer months.
- The school had a wonderful Reading Day with the help of Mrs. Powers and the PTO. The students enjoyed an afternoon of reading and games in celebration of Dr, Seuss's birthday. Mr. McConnico thanked all of the volunteers for their help.
- Many of the teachers are leaving for the L.A. Religious conference this weekend. The teachers will take courses and attend talks on our Catholic Faith.

- Our 8th graders recently had the opportunity to take the PSSS test. This is a test administered by College Board (makers of the SAT) as a pre-test to the PSAT the students will take in High School. This was offered in an attempt to provide more test taking opportunities for the students.

-Mrs. Garrett and Mrs. McConnico recently completed 4 days of intensive training at Fresno State on Conflict Resolution. They will now work with the staff to train them in conflict resolution techniques.

5. Committee Reports:

5.1 Finance Committee- Tuition and hardships of SAS families were discussed. The expense management of the school looks very good. Mr. Neumeier does a great job.

5.2 Facilities Committee- No Report at this time.

5.3 Education Committee- The education committees is working with Mr. McConnico and Mr. Carey to arrange a meeting to discuss grant writing for the school.

6. New Business:

6.1 Budget- The draft Budget for the 2010-2011 school year was discussed. The Advisory School Board will make comments to Mr. Neumeier (CFO) about tuition and budget numbers.

Closing Prayer- Msgr. Rob

Meeting Adjourned- 7:30 pm