

St. Anthony's School Board
Advisory Board of Education
Minutes October 15th, 2009

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm.

Members Present: Msgr. Rob, Mr. McConnico, Deb Martin, Cristina Galang, Jennifer O'Brien, Kathryn McDougal, Eddie Fanucchi, Mike Der Manouel. Tamara Chapman Zetta Hadden and Tom Neumeier.

Audience: No audience discussion.

1. Call to Order/Opening Prayer led by: Msgr. Rob

- 1.1. September Minutes added for approval for October meeting.
- 1.2. No Audience discussion
- 1.3. Modify/Approved Agenda Section 4

2. Representation Reports

- 2.1. Church Report (Msgr. Rob Wenzinger)

General Information:

- a. Church parish all doing very well. All programs up and running. Will continue to combine Ministry Fair with school carnival. Only issue was heat, but that was an issue for everyone. Some ideas are to move into event center, but will not get as much exposure.

Parish Growth:

- a. Church finances holding well. Msgr. Rob shared with us that the Catholic Charities banquet on September 26th was very successful raising over \$210,000 and increase from last year's \$174,000.

- 2.2. PTO Report (Tamara Chapman)

General Information:

- a. Tamara thanked Carnival Committee, parents and Deb Martin for their hard work. Good turnout considering the heat. Everyone worked hard and very supportive parents. Only issue was the \$500 counterfeit money that was detected at bank when we made the deposit. The PTO will look into a machine to detect the counterfeit money, and other solutions for next year.
- b. Mr. Carey was guest in-service speaker at the October PTO Meeting. He discussed the Elective program, its benefits to the children and how it has grown. Always looking for ways to expand. Thanked PTO for their support. Also discussed the Success Team program. The team identifies the kids that need help. They meet with the parents to talk about the appropriate process. The focus on not just academics but behavioral also. WASC had made recommendations but the Success Team had already been implementing. Mr.

Carey said that there are already 15 kids in the program. Program has proven to be very valuable and successful.

- c. Mr. McConnico discussed the “Do the Right thing” program. Discussed the program. If they observe student doing the right thing Coach Roblee visits the class and surprises the student. Trying to enforce positive influences. Recently the entire Mrs. Schiro 4th grade class was recognized for doing the right thing.

Upcoming Events:

- a. The Golf Tournament up and running. Flyers were sent out. Steve Orlando came and talked to the parents at the PTO meeting. Talked about ways to get involved and participate. The Golf tournament goes towards Technology and the athletic department.

Discussion:

- a. Mike asked Tamara what big events does PTO sponsor, Carnival, Spring Auction, Golf and Italian Dinner.
- b. Next PTO Meeting Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 11:45 am. Light lunch served.

2.3 Finance Report (Mr. Tom Neumeier)

General Information:

- a. Finance report to be moved to 4.1 on next meeting.
- b. Mr. Neumeier discussed the negative variances on 3rd page of report. Had to check Air Conditioning units, also had extra repairs in September. PGE was high in September due to a very hot month. Working on trying to minimize expenses by opening doors in Gym. Trying not to use air.
- c. Discussion about the \$30,000 variance due to parents paying in full.
- d. Tom will have more complete report at next meeting.
- e. Need to pay endowment.
- f. Liabilities have multiple categories: Bulk of money is PTO/Memorials and scholarships. Looking to invest in Grand Piano for event center. Monies for Mon-Wednesday hot lunch to go towards the use of the Kitchen remodel.
- g. Board committee felt report was pretty straight forward.

2.4 Principals Report:

General Information:

- a. Mr. McConnico talked about how wonderful the parents were with the early release due the passing of Mrs. Lisa Coyle. Reserving the parking worked out well. Everyone very understanding. The process went smoothly.
- b. Mr. McConnico thanked the Carnival Committee for a very successful event. Big show of support from school and community.
- c. Math Curriculum- Had in-service worked on Math and computer programs. Teachers learned a lot. Monday it was Math and Language Arts. Worked on mapping. Will work on more assessments to see the progress.

- d. Language Arts-Looking to adapt a new language arts program. Will be a 2 year process.

Open Discussion:

- a. Bullying was discussed. Mr. McConnico shared with us that the conference they attended on Friday was dedicated to Bullies and ways to prevent. They did actual roll playing using different scenarios. Ways to prevent is to have a group discussion with Bullied and the bullied without pointing anyone out. The process has proven to be 85% successful.
- b. Mike asked where we fell and Tim replied that we are below the average school. Comparing to other catholic schools.
- c. Studies show that there are higher rates of Cyber Bulling.
- d. Is there a process as to what needs to be done? Biggest obstacle is getting the bullied to share who the bullies are. It is impossible to stop bullying unless person identifies the person.
- e. SAS's plan to prevent bullying is always evolving. Confidentiality very important and always enforced.

ITBS Testing:

- a. ITBS testing is complete. Will get results back and will share information with everyone. Results will come out 1st Trimester in the report cards. The testing starts in 2nd-8th grade.
- b. As the results come home we will send out a letter explaining how it works. It's just a snap shot of how the kids are doing. It helps teachers identify the strengths and weaknesses.

Events:

- a. Children celebrated Pet Blessings.
- b. Had very successful Parent Teacher Conferences. Always get huge outcome of parents support.
- c. Had school elections. Had great participation. It's a stepping stone for future participation in High School. Over 60% of all St. Anthony's students are involved in Student Elections in the High School level.

2.5 New Business:

- a. Mike discusses by-laws. Discussed the different committees that were formed.
 - a. Eddie will take on Finance Committee
 - b. Kathryn-Education Committee
 - c. Cristina, Jennifer and Kathryn- Marketing & Public Relations.
- b. Committees will be listed on School Website.
- c. School board is in two parts/Operational and second part Strategic. Would like to discuss ways to be more operational.

2.6 Facilities: (Zetta Hadden)

- a. Adhoc for school. Trying to finalize the refurbishing of hall. Met with architect and trying to clean up a few things. Open Discussion:

Msgr. Rob approved the individual committees.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 19th, 2009 at 6:00 pm.

Closing Prayer led by Msgr. Rob

3. Meeting Adjourned at 6:58 pm.

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