

SAC Minutes
January 14, 2009

Members Present

Father Ed	Heather Rusk
Mrs. Nydia Claudio	Kathy Elgut
Darlene Santis	Laura Tubio
Albert Rosales	Arlene Izquierdo
Patty Sheinfeld	

Mission Statement

St. Bonaventure is a Christ centered community that fosters Christ's gospel message of peace, love, service to others and fellowship.

- I. Father Ed opened the meeting with a prayer. Darlene Santis acted as the chairperson because Tony Bernardini was absent.
- II. Darlene Santis called for a motion to pass the minutes for the December meeting. Laura Tubio made the motion; Heather seconded and all members voted their approval.

III. Updates:

ITBS Scores: Scores went out to most families. Second graders will take tests in early March. Overall, the students did well as compared statewide and with the Archdiocese. Scores will be further analyzed and then discussed with the teachers at upcoming staff meeting.

Service Hours: A list of families, who have not recorded their 10 service hours in the first half of the school year, is being compiled by Mark. Letters will go out to those families, giving them plenty of time to record their hours before re-registration. The verification process is still in the works.

Broward Positive School Culture Program: This topic will be discussed in further detail at the Feb. 2 Principal's Breakfast. Mrs. Kuels will also speak at the breakfast. Her classroom website has a PowerPoint presentation with information about the program. The program focuses on 4th graders and above. It is also being offered to middle school students as an elective. The Peace Program remains in place for the younger children – up to 3rd grade.

Financial Ideas: As a means to fill the gap between school operating costs and tuition, the idea of additional Sunday church envelopes, earmarked for the school, was discussed. Also discussed were a push to sell more commemorative bricks, and finding a way to tap family members (beyond parents) who may wish to support Catholic education.

IV. New Business

SAC Bylaws and the agenda: Our goal is to have the agenda set a week before the meeting, so that all members know in advance of the topics to be discussed.

Information on Free Support from Broward County: Free programs are available through the County for school maintenance staff on matters such as water management, landscape and recycling. Programs are also offered for teachers. These will be looked into, particularly if they are at no cost to the school.

Garden Club and Science curriculum: It was suggested that the garden may be used to complement the science curriculum. Also noted was that there is a “fire path” which must be maintained around the building, by order of the Fire Department. The garden has been encroaching on this path.

Web Site Information: The website will be used to inform parents/families of various programs that are available to the students, as well as the various awards that are offered. The Principal’s Newsletter will be e-mailed directly to families in order to make it more easily accessed.

V. Other:

Uniform Shoes: Scuff-free shoes are being considered as part of the mandatory uniform for next year. This will address the problem of shoes that leave black marks on the clean floors; as well as students wearing non-compliant uniform shoes.

Virtus Training: An additional training session, to take place during the day, is still being looked into.

Textbooks: All textbooks have come in.

Homework: Homework policy is determined by grade. Parents should talk to their children’s teachers about their homework concerns, and then to Mrs. Claudio or Mrs. Trethewey, if no solution in reached.

Catholic Schools Week: Details still being worked on. A breakfast before mass is being planned, as well as grandparent’s lunch with 1st and 2nd graders.

Upcoming Events: Linguistic Challenge is Feb. 4; Science Rocks on Feb. 10. Volunteers are still being sought.

Father Ed ended the meeting with a prayer.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2009.

