

SAC Minutes
April 22, 2009

Members Present

Father Ed

Mrs. Nydia Claudio

Mrs. Linda Trethewey

Tony Bernardini

Kathy Elgut

Arlene Izquierdo

Heather Rusk

Darlene Santis

Patricia Sheinfeld

Laura Tubio

Members Absent

Albert Rosales

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. Tony Bernardini called for a motion to pass the March minutes. Mrs. Trethewey gave the motion and Kathy Elgut seconded. All members voted their approval of the minutes.

- II. Updates:
 - Sun Sentinel Spelling Bee: Mrs. Trethewey reported the following. Mrs. Booher, liason for this new program, will bring it to grades 3 and up. The Spelling Bee is slated to take place the first week of March. Books to prepare for this Spelling Bee can be pre-ordered. A web site link will be made available to parents with this information.

- Spanish educational enhancements: In order to fill the need to make the Spanish classes more individually progressive, several computer programs were studied. The Rosetta Stone program was chosen and will be made available, at the middle school level, next year. The new lap tops, purchased through fundraising efforts, will be utilized for this purpose. If the program is successful, it may be extended for use in the elementary school.

III. New Business:

- Service Hours: Heather Rusk, PRO president, discussed the need for an increase in the minimum requirement for Service Hours. The need for more support with the Ball fundraiser was underlined. Giving service hours for attendance was also considered. Members had different suggestions. All agreed to review the issue and discuss it further at the next SAC meeting.
- Traffic on School Grounds: One member brought up the need to include a traffic diagram in the school handbook for the mini parking area by the parish offices. Traffic does not flow in one direction and hence increases the potential for accidents at pick up time. Members discussed putting cones and/or a movable sign that blocked the entire area off to traffic during this particular time of day. Other members noted near accidents in the regular carpool areas. Walk ups and car pool students could be separated thus decreasing congestion. Father Ed and Mrs. Claudio requested ideas to solve the traffic issues. These will be discussed at the next SAC meeting.

- New Member nominations: Nominations were taken. Mrs. Claudio will follow up. New members may be introduced at the last meeting.

IV. Other Issues:

- Directory online: One member stated that parents were asking if the directory would be placed online. Mrs. Claudio reminded all members that the directory cannot be put online due to the school policy of not permitting businesses to use private information for their marketing needs.
- Certification in Emergency Health Measures: A member suggested that all staff should be certified in the Heimlich maneuver and C.P.R. Free training could be offered on the weekends. There was concern about field trips. The school has several staff members certified but they are not always available on field trips. This member suggested that children should also have a basic knowledge of these measures. Mrs. Claudio will follow up on these suggestions.
- Computer safety: This continues to be a parent concern. Computer safety is taught at school and requires that students and parents sign an agreement promising to use the internet and computer systems judiciously. Parent support is required to reinforce this message. School officials cannot control activity out of their jurisdiction. Computer safety lectures for parents have been offered.

V. Father Ed closed the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Darlene Santis: dcssantis@aol.com

The final meeting date for this year is May 13, 2009.