

SAC MINUTES

9-16-09

Members Present

Father Ed

Mrs. Nydia Claudio

Mrs. Linda Trethewey

Arlene Izquierdo

Patty Sheinfeld

Heather Rusk

Laura Tubio

Vivian Carsello

David Haimes

Stephen Zaccor

Members Absent

Kathy Elgut

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. Chairperson, Arlene Izquierdo, asked for a motion to pass the May 2009 minutes. A motion was given and seconded and minutes were passed. New members are David Haimes, Stephen Zaccor and Vivian Carsello. Vivian Carsello volunteered to be secretary. SAC was explained to new members and all would be provided a copy of the by laws. All members were introduced to each other.

II. New Business

-Uniform shoe requirements: PRO survey indicated problems with price and availability. A new elementary boy's shoe was acceptable in brown or black and information regarding same would be available on school web site. A substantially similar boy's shoe is also acceptable. If medical issue with a student then parents are to discuss with administration and alternatives would be made available. Classic Mary Jane shoe required for elementary girls. Less expensive alternatives will be considered for Middle School, but "no scuff" will be required.

-Increase in class size: Parents would like to be informed in advance if increases are made. Archdiocese allows up to 35, but St. Bonaventure usually has 30, but can go to 32 with no additional action required for approval. No plans to increase beyond that. Not every class has 32 and some have less than 30. Increasing to 32 has been done selectively to accommodate active Catholic families into the school. SBS has assistants in elementary classroom beyond what is required. Also, the increase was recommended by the Financial Board which includes parent representatives.

-Confidentiality of ITBS scores and report cards: Will be distributed in sealed envelopes.

-Sun protection and water: If a student has a medical issue then parents are to contact Mrs. Claudio and/or Mrs. Trethewey so that proper arrangements may be made. Otherwise, parents are to apply sunscreen to their child at home in the morning. Water fountains are available in each classroom up to 3rd grade. Fourth and fifth grades may bring water bottles. Water fountains are also available in P.E. area and cafeteria. It is not feasible for middle school students to bring water bottles due to changing of classrooms and having to carry books and supplies. Also, there was concern about mixing up water bottles and spreading germs.

III. Updates and other issues

-Car line safety: Seems to be going well as measures to reduce the number of students at dismissal have been implemented. Dismissal is finished by approximately 3:20 p.m. Discussion was had regarding Western High School parents and students parking in SBS lot. There will be further consideration of this issue.

-Safety committee: A lock down will be had in the near future to help prepare staff and students for any emergency.

-Safety during home games: Now with Bona-Dome being used parents and staff will be asked to be vigilant of strangers on school property and to watch over their own children during home games. Doors into school building will be locked. It was suggested that aftercare students use an alternative restroom and not those in cafeteria during home games for additional safety.

-ITBS: An expenditure was made to purchase new materials for the updated version of ITBS. School scores may be affected by fact that students are taking a different test this year.

IV. Closing prayer by Father Ed to conclude meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Vivian Carsello,
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