

SAC Minutes
11-18-09

MEMBERS PRESENT

Father Ed	Kathy Elgut
Mrs. Nydia Claudio	Vivian Carsello
Mrs. Linda Trethewey	David Haines
Arlene Izquierdo	Stephen Zaccor
Heather Rusk	
Laura Tubio	

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

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. Chairperson, Arlene Izquierdo, asked for a motion to pass the Oct. 2009 minutes. A motion was given and seconded and the minutes were passed.

II. New Business

-Swine flu vaccine update: The vaccine will be administered on Nov. 24, 2009 in the meeting rooms for all students who turned in a permission form. Volunteers will be in place to assure orderly process and to comfort students. Teachers and volunteers will also insure the proper identification of the student and that the proper vaccine type is administered. Parents may be present. A schedule had not yet been prepared. There will be a holding area for students so they may be observed after the vaccine is administered.

-Parental input regarding bullying presentation: A member suggested that it would be a good idea for parents to be given the information that will be presented to the students regarding bullying. If parents receive this information ahead of time then they can reinforce and supplement the curriculum. This a sensitive topic and parents may want to reaffirm their own family values when they speak to their children. Mrs. Claudio advised that the information would be posted in the school web site under Mrs. Kules' name. Parents should be advised of this.

-Field trips: A member suggested that the recent field trip that involved 5th, 7th and 8th to see the movie, "A Christmas Carol", was too expensive at \$23 per student and that it may not have been related to the curriculum. Also, of concern was that the month of November may not be the best time for this type of field trip as the students miss many days of school this month. It was suggested that the field trip permission form be amended to include a space to indicate how the trip ties in to the curriculum. If parents choose to opt out then what would the student do at school that day? These issues will be further considered. Mrs. Claudio indicated that the movie related to the curriculum in Religion class.

-McGruff safe kids: This is a program that is free to the school that teaches students about "stranger danger". It will be further researched as a possible program to benefit the students. The company sells safe kids packages which assist parents with identification of kids and even collection of DNA.

-Scrip program: Mrs. Lisa Marcet made a presentation to the group about the Great Lakes Scrip program which she was involved in at her school in Seattle. It is a way for the school to raise funds by getting a percentage of the school families' regular expenditures through the purchase of gift cards. There are over 300 retailers in the program. The details will be worked out and Lisa Marcet will be the coordinator. The potential for raising funds for the school and possibly the entire parish is great and the proposal was well received. Information will be given to parents. Lisa will need at least 4 volunteers to assist her.

III. Other issues or concerns

-Middle school math: A member asked whether there was a possibility of teaching Algebra 1 and Geometry to 7th and 8th graders at SBS rather than having students go to either St. Thomas or to Archbishop McCarthy for these classes. Mrs. Trethewey said that there is ongoing communication with the Archdiocese regarding this and it is possible for the future. At this point, however, there is no such program in place. There was also concern voiced by some members that starting high school math in 7th or 8th grade may put some students on a very advanced math track which may not be what they want or what is best for them. These are issues that will continue to be considered and discussed. Of course, the high school math program is completely voluntary and the public school has a comparable program known as GEM math.

IV. Closing prayer by Father Ed to conclude meeting.

V. Next meeting will be Jan. 20, 2009.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Vivian Carsello, sneetch@bellsouth.net