

## SAC Minutes 3/24/10

### Members Present:

Father Ed  
Mrs. Nydia Claudio  
Mrs. Linda Trethewey  
Arlene Izquierdo  
Heather Rusk  
Laura Tubio

Patty Sheinfeld  
Stephen Zaccor  
Vivian Carsello

### Members Absent:

David Haimes  
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 Jan. 2010 minutes. A motion was made and seconded and minutes were approved.

### II. New Business

-Accreditation-The SBS 3rd year plan was presented to Archdiocese superintendent of schools. Recommendations were made and SBS received positive feedback. The meeting went well. It is a changeable plan with measurable goals.

-Elementary and 6th grade math-Steps have been taken to improve the curriculum. In 5th grade, the students are being taught from the 5th and 6th grade books to enhance their knowledge and to avoid too much repetition of the same material. This has trickled down to 4th grade where they are being taught from the 4th and 5th grade books. This will help bridge the gap between the grade levels. 6th grade has small group classes and are being prepared for pre-algebra.

-Middle school math-It has been decided that since the high school math program is not broken and is going well that it will remain in place with eligible 7th and 8th grade student going to Archbishop McCarthy and St. Thomas for Algebra I and Geometry. There will be a change in the criteria in that 6th graders will be given a pre-algebra assessment test to determine the student's readiness to think algebraically. An appropriate assessment test is currently being researched. So there will be 5 criteria and the students must meet 4 out of 5 to be eligible for the program. The criteria are: 1) 85 or above in math on ITBS 2) A in math class 3) 90 or above on end of year math test 4) teacher recommendation 5) pre-algebra readiness test. Also, there will be additional support available to parents for information and explanation of the path the student will embark on if they enter the program.

-Confidentiality-SAC meetings are not confidential as minutes are taken and will be posted on the web-site.

-Service hour requirements for next year-The requirement is still being discussed, but it will probably remain the same as this year with 25 total hours. 5 would be recommended to be for the ball or possibly for the ball/festival. Same as 2009-10 school year.

-Science experiments-There are plans for the elementary students to use the lab upstairs in addition to any experiments done by the teachers in their classrooms. There are plans for middle school student to use the lab more and perform dissections and other science experiments. The science fair is approaching and there is concern that the students have not had much experience with science experiments, but the science teacher will work with them on this and has already met with each student.

-discipline regarding extra-curricular activities and honor roll-Parents are asked to refer to the student handbook. There is an academic and conduct requirement for sports. This is reviewed prior to tryouts. The administration is considering an overall conduct record for elementary level.

-timing of posting of edline-Parents have expressed concern that edline posting is not being done at the proper time in the trimester. The last edline was posted late after report cards were issued. It was explained that this happened because the computer system was down. However, members recommend the postings to be done far enough into the trimester so that a meaningful assessment of progress could be made and again early enough so that a student could take measures to improve then parents may communicate with teachers any concerns.

-cafeteria duty-Concern was expressed regarding many failures to appear at the assigned cafeteria duty. This puts an unfair burden on those who do appear and have to do all the work by themselves. It was discussed that many people forget and that a reminder system should be in place. This will be done. Fines are being assessed for failure to appear.

-Directory-Concern was expressed regarding misuse of emails and privacy concerns. Many members felt that the usefulness of the directory and the revenue outweigh these concerns. It was considered that the phone numbers and addresses would be available on line through the family accounts, but this will be further considered. It was also pointed out that when mass emails are sent then those emails are made available to all so perhaps having clear waivers and agreement to use the directory for its intended purpose may be enough.

-Middle school -It was suggested that an open house type event be had for 5th grade parents so that they feel more comfortable with the transition to middle school. Members felt this was a good idea.

-names for SAC replacements-4 members will be finishing their terms and will need to be replaced. Names will be suggested to administration. The new PRO president will also join the SAC.

#### IV. Other issues or concerns:

- Concern was expressed that better communication re: the student's work should be implemented in middle school. The Thurs. folder does not contain the work as the students keep the work done in their subject folder for purposes of organization and ease for student and teacher. It was considered that a notebook check be done

periodically in each class so parents sign off and have the opportunity to see the work done and graded.

V. Father Ed closed the meeting with a prayer.

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