

# SAC Minutes

## March 25, 2015

### Members Present:

Father Ed	Meredith O'Keefe
Nydia Claudio	Monica Navarro
Jay Bernardo	Joy Mendrano
Tracy Vaccarella	Lisa Kempinski
Amy Gutierrez	Ines Bosworth
Li Lopez	

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

- I. Father Ed opened the meeting with a prayer
- II. Approval of previous meeting's minutes
- III. Assistant Principal, Lisa Kempinski, outlined proposed school enrichment topics. Among those she discussed were a robotics club to be run by Mrs. Moccia, a Math club run by Mrs. Cline, and a debate club headed by Mrs. DeBonis.
- IV. A. Changes will be made for the incoming(2015-2016) 4th graders and the use of the issued iPads. The iPads will be locked so that students cannot download any additional apps. All required apps will be preloaded when students receive them in the fall. A detailed list of the apps to be contained on the iPads will be communicated prior to end of this school year.  
  
B. Next year's 4th graders will not be taking the iPads home during the initial part of the school year. They will use the devices during class time. The rationale for limiting the movement of the device is twofold: students will spend more time practicing their writing skills and there was a large increase in damage/breakage to the devices with the

current year's fourth graders. Going forward, 4th grade will be considered a transition year to introduce the children to the iPad.

C. St. Bonaventure is looking to purchase several iPads for each classroom below 4<sup>th</sup> grade. These will remain in the classroom. Funding for these purchases will be part of the "Special Need" item at his year's gala.

- V. A question was raised regarding any efforts to lighten the weight of student's backpacks. Each year more and more textbooks become available on-line. All middle school text books will be on-line next year as will a few more for each grade level. Mrs. Kempinski continually monitors textbook providers to ascertain whether they are available on-line.
- VII. High school math will continue to be offered at the local high schools rather than at St. Bonaventure. If students were to take the high school math classes at St. Bonaventure, they then must pass year end exam comprised of all subjects taught throughout the year in order to gain high school credit for the class. If the course is taught at the high school and students earn a passing grade, they automatically obtain the credit. Some students have difficulty passing the year end exam because of volume of material that is covered. Additionally, students enjoy the time at the high school meeting new teachers and experiencing the high school atmosphere.
- VIII. There will be a Ministry Appreciation Dinner held at the Parish Center on May 1. All SAC members are invited to attend.
- IX. Next SAC Meeting scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 pm.