

SAC Minutes from September 20, 2017

Present members: Father Ed, Mrs. Kempinski, Mr. Lawlor, Mari Areces (Chairperson), Li Lopez, Joe Dennis, Laura Garzon, Aindrea Mesa, Steve Shand, Mariaelena Guitian

Father Ed opened the meeting at 7:05 with a prayer.

Members introduced themselves and Mari Areces explained the role of the SAC.

Li Lopez was appointed secretary.

The following agenda items were discussed:

Security Committee Recommendations: Mrs. Kempinski advised and updated new members on the following: in the spring, Davie Police did a walk-thru to address security. Furthermore, the Safety Committee made a list of recommendations and that it will meet again on Friday, September 22, 2017, for further discussion. There will be an update at the next SAC meeting based on the meeting scheduled for September 22.

Other issues raised pertaining to security: a parent saw someone walking up to a student on the field. With regard to the fence on 136 Avenue, the Safety Committee will consider the possibility of raising the fence that is there now. The SAC also discussed ways to keep the students from the fence on 136 Avenue. One possibility to consider: cones. The SAC also discussed issues with after care security and the cafeteria doors that remain unlocked after school hours and the gate that is open during games to access the Bonadome.

Hurricane Irma damages: Mrs. Kempinski advised that there was no damage to the roof during the hurricane. However, the awning on the playground was blown away and the tree in the pre-school playground that provided shade fell on the fence. A school family already provided for the repair and the fence is fixed.

Mrs. Kempinski further advised that the Archdiocese is waiting to revise the academic calendar for days in school since the Governor may pardon some missed days. St. Bonaventure was ready to open its doors on Thursday, September 14 based on the Archdiocese's policy that schools can open 24 hours after power is restored. Also, the boil water advisory issued for Davie did not affect the school since St. Bonaventure water utilities are provided by the City of Sunrise, which had no advisory in effect.

STREAM Update: Mrs. Kempinski, Mr. Lawlor, and Father Ed reviewed all the efforts by everyone involved with STREAM over the summer to get the STREAM Center up and running. There was a video showing the many activities the students are taking part in during STREAM class time. Both Mrs. Kempinski and Mr. Lawlor provide assistance in the STREAM center and work with the students on selection of projects.

A question was raised about access to books since the library is now part of the STREAM center. Mrs. Kempinski advised that the books in the former library were reviewed and those that were rarely checked out were either sold as part of the fundraising efforts in the spring for

the STREAM Center or donated. The library is housed with thousands of hard books as well as online books available to middle school. Subject books for each class are available online and accessible to students and parents through the portal under the “Student” tab.

The following new items discussed:

The idea of more fundraising through after school programs was raised. The SAC agreed that a survey asking parents about different interests would be appropriate.

The Christmas show is going to be *Polar Express*.

Mrs. Kempinski and Mr. Lawlor have agreed to get slimed if the school reaches its goal for festival raffle ticket sales.

The following activities are coming up: STREAM night; the Halloween Literary Fair which Mrs. Gomez, Ms. Rivera and Mrs. Murphy are overseeing. In January, there will also be a Science Night and in the spring, Math Night.

Portal issues were discussed. Grades are not accessible through the app, and all that is accessible on the desktop version are the class averages, not the individual grades in each class. Mr. Lawlor advised that the issues can be addressed through a setting on the school’s side.

Concerns with Mathletics were also raised, specifically, that some of the assignments are not compatible with what the students are learning at the time they are assigned and in classes that do not have specific assignments, the students tend to complete the easiest assignment available for their grade.

One topic that will be on the agenda for next SAC meeting is volunteerism. Mr. Lawlor advised that there is a shortage of festival booth captains.

The next SAC meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2017. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.