

SAC Minutes from October 18, 2017

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

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

Mrs. Kempinski opened the meeting at 7:05 with a prayer.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved. They can be found on the school website, under "school life."

The following agenda items were discussed:

Security Committee Update: Mrs. Kempinski updated SAC members on the issues discussed at the Security Committee meeting on September 22:

- All dates for drills have been set.
- Push bars are currently being installed throughout the school for all fire exits.
- There will now be volunteer security shifts for parents in law enforcement to provide security at school. Terri Molina is overseeing this endeavor.
- Mr. Dimler will be conducting a safety program for the students to include a gun safety activity, which will take place the week of October 23rd.
- The fence the air conditioning unit between first grade and the pre-k building is the only location where the fence is not 10 feet high and needs to be raised. Cost is estimated at \$12,000.
- Courtyard area by meeting rooms is a security concern since the area is open. Administration's goal is to secure access to the courtyard so if there is an emergency in the field or playground area, the students can be ushered to the secured courtyard and classrooms.
- Key locks are being installed to the cafeteria doors and doors with access to the elevators. Teachers will have the keys.
- The issue of raising the fence along 136 Avenue was not addressed.

The SAC members recommended that the school get an estimate of how much it will cost to raise the fence on 136 and then consider other reasonable methods of security for that area if raising the fence is cost-prohibitive. Adding a security fee for the year to help offset security costs was also discussed. Mrs. Kempinski also advised that the school already has flood lights. It was agreed that a letter will be sent home to inform parents of the security updates.

Uniforms: Mrs. Kempinski advised that Debbie's Uniforms has received many complaints about the quality of the Skechers boys shoes. Debbie's has suggested transitioning to the current Sperry uniform shoe that also has velcro shoe for pre-k. The SAC members were in agreement but asked for a year to phase out the Skechers shoe.

Debbie's also wants to phase out the zipped sweatshirt; it is not selling. The SAC agreed to this change. There will be the usual phase-out period for this item as well. There was further discussion about phasing out the white polos and just having light blue shirts, but no final decision was reached.

Socks with the SBS monogram will also be an option now but not mandatory. They will be available in blue and in white.

After School Programs: Mrs. Guitian discussed the survey that will be sent to the school families to assess interest for an IMACS after school program. Mrs. Kempinski advised the school is also considering a conversational foreign language program through Berlitz.

The current after school programs being offered are: Girls that Code for middle school girls on Mondays; violin lessons for first and second grade on Mondays; robotics on Thursdays; and chess on Fridays. Since religious education is on Mondays and Wednesdays, new after school programs have to be offered around the CCD class times. Usually, the classroom availability for after school programs is as follows: Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30 for the younger students that are dismissed in first wave and Tuesdays and Thursdays for the older students.

Renovations For 1st-3rd Grade: The renovations for the remainder of the elementary building will take place next summer. SAC members were asked to brainstorm and take into consideration that renovations have to last around 20 years, so think forward technologically and educationally. Teachers have already submitted their wish lists.

Volunteerism: PRO President Laura Garzon expressed that she has seen a lot of energy, but that volunteers for activities that are labor intensive (for example: setting out tables for grandparents day) are in short supply. SAC members agreed that making better use of the Room Parent program through the PRO would benefit volunteerism especially for fundraisers and social activities like festival and the Gala. It was agreed that Room Parents will assist in their classes with promoting festival raffle ticket sales and signing up to volunteer for booths. Finally, promoting volunteerism at Open House and New Parent Orientation will be a priority. Administration will consider a presentation by the teachers like the one the middle school does for its Open House. It will also give new faculty members an opportunity to introduce themselves to the whole school.

Service Hours Input: The Raptor program is set to go live. This is the program that checks in a parent volunteer with his/her driver's license and also ensures that VIRTUS and biometrics are up to date for the volunteer. Raptor also keeps track of volunteer hours when a parent signs in using his/her driver's license. However, service hours for things like class donations will continue to be through volunteer slips that are to be turned in at the office.

There was discussion about making sure that all parent volunteers for field trips are VIRTUS trained and current with their biometrics. The office will make sure that names submitted for field trips are in compliance.

The following new topics were discussed:

Coffee talk with Mrs. Kempinski and Mr. Lawlor was very successful. The presentation is available on the portal under school announcements.

Car line on 136 Avenue is still having issues. Mrs. Kempinski advised there is now a sign that will guide drivers on how and where to merge. Administration will assess how well it works this month.

Soccer will now be at Shenandoah Park instead of at Weston Regional Park.

The next SAC meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2017. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.