

SAC Minutes
September 17, 2008

Members Present

Mrs. Nydia Claudio	Darlene Santis
Mrs. Linda Trethewey	Patricia Sheinfeld
Tony Bernardini	Laura Tubio

Kathy Elgut

Members Absent

Father Ed	Albert Rosales
Arlene Izquierdo	Heather Rusk`

Mission Statement

St. Bonaventure School is a Christ centered community that fosters Christ's Gospel message of peace, love, service to others and fellowship.

- I. Mrs. Claudio opened the meeting with a prayer. A brief and poignant opening ceremony was led by students from the newly formed Ambassador Club. These students marched into the parish hall with the St. Bonaventure School banner and led the community audience in reciting the pledge of allegiance to our nation and the school mission statement. School Advisory Council members introduced themselves to the community.
- II. Mrs. Claudio made note of the fact that members serve for two years and are appointed by administration and Father Ed. She also noted that although the school is accredited by the Archdiocese of Miami, accreditation is an ongoing process. Participation in town hall meetings and the existence of a united community, whose lines of communication are open and supportive, is a requirement to maintain accreditation. Mrs. Claudio was grateful to those who made time to attend this first Town Hall Meeting for the year 2008-2009.
- III. The Town Hall Meeting Powerpoint Presentation

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Introduction of School Advisory Board Members:

Tony Bernardini

Chair

Patty Sheinfeld

Parish Council Member

Darlene Santis

Secretary

Heather Rusk

PRO President

Linda Trethewey

Accreditation Liaison

Arlene Izquierdo

Albert Rosales

Laura Tubio

Kathy Elgut

■ *Father Ed Prendergast*

Pastor

■ *Nydia Claudio*

Principal



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Accomplishments

St. Bonaventure Catholic School was Accredited by the FCC (Florida Catholic Conference) on November 13, 2006.

■ What and Why is Accreditation Important?

Accreditation is the process of reviewing a school's programs and policies to see if it meets criteria set by an outside agency.

Accreditation is meant to protect students, schools, and employers. It ensures that a school is educating its students and meeting quality standards.



What is the School Advisory Council (SAC)

School Advisory Council (SAC) Members are responsible for advising the principal on education-related matters. SAC is strictly an advisory body that has no budget and is restricted from fundraising. SAC members advise the principal on school policies, program staffing as it relates to the instructional program, budget, facilities, maintenance, administrative procedures, educational resources, program evaluation, student standards of conduct, and the school meal program.



You may contact any of the SAC Members if you have concerns related to these topics.

What are St. Bonaventure Catholic School Goals?

- Staff development and professional development with a focus on the area of technology .
- Team building and communication with faculty, staff and the community.
- To continue to develop our curriculum and instructional goals in the areas of Mathematics and Language Arts.
- To meet the needs of all students through differentiated instruction and the use of the Resource department.
- To continue to improve the climate at St. Bonaventure Catholic School through the guidance program, Positive School Climate, peer mediation and the PEACE program.
- To enhance the enrichment programs.
- To value our commitment to our Mission Statement to foster Christ's Gospel message of peace, love service to other and fellowship.

Changes and Progress

Technology Development:

- 24 Epson LCD Projectors installed
- 18 SMART Interactive Whiteboards installed
- 24 Toshiba Laptops for classroom teachers
- 24 Speaker Systems installed in the classrooms
- Teacher and Staff instructional development on the use of new technology



Total Cost: \$ 169,700.00_{/2007}

Total Cost: \$ 77,000 / 2008

Physical Plant Improvements

2006 - 2008

- Outdoor Gym (Estimated Completion date: Oct 30, 2008)
- New flooring in Preschool
- New Flooring in Media Center
- New Preschool Playground Equipment
- New Computer Server
- New blinds in the cafeteria
- Expanded the Library/Media Center
- Relocated the Resource Department



Physical Plant Improvements

2006- 2008

- *Painting of School - Exterior**
- *New Air Conditioner Chiller**
- *New Air Handlers**
- *New Lockers for Middle School**
- *New Desks and chairs for the Middle School**
- *New Middle School Science Lab**
- * New Tables in Art and Media Center**

Academic Improvements

- Established Opportunity for 7th and 8th Grade to attend Advanced Mathematics classes at St. Thomas Aquinas and Archbishop McCarthy High Schools
- Departmentalized Middle School to facilitate effective student learning
- Added Middle School Electives
- Added Smart boards & projectors to classroom learning environment
- Implemented Anti-bullying Positive School Climate with the Broward County Schools
- New Reading and Math Programs

Educator's Prayer

We want to teach our children how
To live this life on Earth
To face its struggles and its strife
And improve their own worth
Not just the lessons in the book
Or how the rivers flow
But how to choose the proper path
Wherever they may go
To understand eternal truth
And knowing right from wrong
And gather all the beauty of
A flower and a song
For if I help the world to grow
In wisdom and in grace
Then I shall feel that I have won
And I have filled my place
And so I ask your guidance, Lord
That I may do my part
For character and confidence
And happiness of heart.

James J. Metcalf



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Questions were directed informally to individual SAC Members. These questions will be addressed at the next SAC meeting, which will take place on October 8th. Further questions, concerns or positive comments on the new programs at the school can be directed to any SAC member prior to meetings.

Minutes are respectfully submitted by Darlene Santis
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Future meeting dates: Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11,
April 22, May 13