

SASEAS School Advisory Council Meeting
March 10, 2009

| Attendance: | Present | Absent | Attendance: | Present | Absent |
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| Fr. Cordier | X | | Margaret Strotman (Pres) | X | |
| Fr. Rob | X | | Kathy Holenchak | X | |
| Dr. Jerry Sasson | X | | Brian Dundon (VP) | X | |
| Harold Eberenz | X | | Cathy Wheeler | X | |
| Kris Dierkers | | X | Scott Corbett | X | |
| Sue Wolfe | X | | Andy Poole (Secty) | | X |

Visitors: Laureen Bingham



A. Opening

1. Roll Call, 8:00pm
2. Opening Prayer

Margaret
Fr. Cordier

B. Approval of Minutes

February Minutes approved by, Corbett, Dundon, Holenchak, Strotman, Wheeler

Margaret

C. Visitor- Laureen Bingham

Concerns were raised regarding class size of Kindergarten this year (29) as well as the consolidation from three to two 3rd-grade classes. In addition concerns were raised regarding how these changes were communicated to affected parents. We realize this is a difficult situation for faculty and parents alike as class sizes are predicated on registration and enrollment numbers which are changing daily and/or weekly. We remain focused on our goal of providing a quality and affordable Catholic education to as many students as possible.

D. Principal's Report & Recommendation

Dr. Sasson

- ◇ The 2009-10 school calendar has been approved by the archdiocese. The calendar reflects our transition from quarters to trimesters.
- ◇ Dr. Sasson has been working on a presentation to state and local legislators regarding possible request for government stimulus monies. The decision has not been finalized whether or not we will proceed with this request.
- ◇ Invention Convention is Friday March 20th.
- ◇ The Knights of Columbus are honoring 16 of our Junior High students on Tuesday March 24th. In addition 14 other students will be honored from St. Andrew's PREP program and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's PRP program. The students were selected by their teachers for truly living their religious teachings.
- ◇ Dr. Sasson will be sending a Time magazine article to all parents regarding child cell phone use. This will help raise awareness and education.

E. New Business

1. Consideration was given to solicitation of Scripps via the Wednesday White Envelopes. Parents would indicate which parish the completed forms would need to be directed to. No SAC objections behind concept were raised however we need to work out the logistics.
2. There were several follow-up points resulting from the SASEAS combined parents meeting. We are continuing to look into each item and will address at our next meeting.
3. The SAC voted on and approved a new policy regarding registration for the 2009-10 school year allowing the registration fee for enrollment to be refundable.

E. Committee Review

1. LRP Update

Cathy Wheeler

- Continue to focus efforts on enrollment numbers and where opportunities exist to recruit new students as well as maintain existing students. Much emphasize has been on the preschool and kindergarten students. A detailed analysis for the committee was presented showing a great opportunity exists within our preschool program. Many ideas are being considered to increase participation from preschool to SASEAS as currently only 24 out of 90 students from the current preschool program have registered for the 2009/10 school year.

2. Finance Update

Harold

- Enrollment as of February 28, 2009 is 547 versus a budget of 575
- Revenues through February 209 amount to \$1,654,362.23. Approximately 79.8% of the tuition has been received through 80% of the collection period. Expenses amount to \$1,364,907.82 or 60.8% of budget through 67% of the year.
- Registration for the 2009-10 school year stands at 477 as of March 10, 2009 versus budget of 540. Parents who have yet to register will be contacted by Jerry and/or Father Cordier/Father Rob.

F. Executive Session

Adjourned to Executive Session at 9:51 pm.

Next Meeting: April 21 @ 7:00 pm in Seton Faculty Lounge