

St. Andrew's School
Advisory Council Open Meeting
September 21, 2009
School Library – 7:15 p.m.

Members Present:	Charlie Klutz	Lane Simmons
	Timm Elrod	Anne Mason
	Mary Ann Cottrell	Luz Ravelo
	Patrice Hall	Anna Burns
	Father Tom	Ed Noll

Members Absent: Kelly Huckleberry

Recording Secretary: Sister Mary Merdian

Visitors Present: Janet Camarillo, Rose Hall, Beverly Watkins, Lori O'Neill, and Jeanne Murphy

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

Charlie Klutz called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. and Father Tom led the opening prayer. Charlie welcomed all visitors. The minutes were revised and approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A meeting has been called by Father Tom concerning the policy about parish tuition and the letters sent to parents. The following parish groups have been invited:

Parish Staff: Fr. Tom, Fr. Gerald, Carol Peninger.
School Staff: Ed Noll, Janet Camarillo, Sister Mary, Beverly Watkins.
School Advisory Council: Charlie Klutz and Patrice Hall
Parish Finance Council: Carolyn Gruensfelder and Mark Jones
Pastoral Council: Matt Murray and Mark Culross.
Parish Stewardship Committee: Dustin Ater and Andrew Martinez.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24 from 7 pm until 10 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Advisory Council will develop a policy outlining a "Chain of Communication".

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Noll reported

--that the achievement tests have been completed, except for those students who were absent and need to do make ups.

--The Advisory Council is asked to attend the in-service day on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Dallas Convention Center. The Morning Prayer and conferences begin at 8:30.

--On October 14 the 8th grade students will attend the Nolan Vikathon.

--The first quarter of school ends on October 16.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technology

Timm Elrod reported that the Power Point presentation that he and Erik Leaseburg had made to the Advisory Council was also given to the Web site committee to energize them and let them know of the importance of Branding and having a meaningful Logo. Angela Perreira is working on a wireframe for the St. Andrew Catholic School website.

Finance

Mary Ann Cottrell reported that the revised budget is finished and in November there is a meeting with the Parish Finance Committee.

Mary Ann moved that the revised budget be approved. Timm seconded and the revision was approved.

Communications

Luz Ravelo reported that the Communication committee has met. She suggested that it might be good to have a paragraph in the *Wildcat* to explain the work of each of the committees. The committee does work to keep the web site updated. They also want to work on the 'branding' for the school. Jenny Lamsens is stepping down as chairperson and Sara Thompson will replace her.

Positive Environment

Patrice and Lori O'Neill reported that the committee has looked over previous goals and many have been achieved. The goals for the year are centered on the following:

1. Nutrition, (snacks and water use in the classroom);
2. Cultural awareness/diversity and the celebration of it;
3. Security – physical safety.

Development

Rose Hall reported that the annual fund pledges have reached \$75,000. These pledges came from 155 families. A huge thermometer will be placed outside the school to show how much of the goal has been raised. It will also be placed in the *Wildcat*.

The evening at Los Vaqueros was very successful but Rose did not have a final figure. The next sponsor will be Mama's Pizza.

There were 250 participants in the Wildcat Run. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the great support of providing the breakfast.

The pep rally for the Fall Festival was very successful.

On October 7 the Pre-school and Kindergarten Coffee will be held. Parents are already making decisions about schools by that time.

ENROLLMENT REPORT

Janet Camarillo reported that the present enrollment (which changes from day to day) is 686. She passed out a sheet showing the enrollment in each grade. Hopefully, in October, a family is moving from San Antonio and we will receive 4 new students.

VISITORS QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

Jeanne Murphy, a visitor, asked to address the Council about the parish subsidy being given only to those who worship at St. Andrew. She financially supports the parish and renders service. She is from a parish that does not have a school and hopes that St. Andrew would accommodate such families.

Father Tom announced that presently the Diocese is doing a demographic study and goal setting and that we may see new parishes with schools.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.