

Guardian Angels School Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 18, 2008

Attendees: Terri Farr, Michelle Godzak, Jenny Richelsen, Kurt Richards, Tom Tierney, Josh Yuhas, Nancy Ronhovde, Father Paul Jarvis, Eric Crowell

Guests: None

Terri Farr, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Father Paul Jarvis, Pastor, led the group in prayer.

Items Discussed:

General Session

-GATV- the school has asked for help with editing and has only had one person volunteer. Ideas for help were discussed. Nancy was going to contact the Eden Prairie Technology School about finding an intern. Contacting local News Channels (Channel 9) for an intern to work for experience was also discussed.

-Church Christmas Tree-idea to hang ornaments with school requests, i.e. tuition assistance.

-SAC Meeting options were discussed, i.e., optional meeting dates/times/frequencies. SAC members are asked to comment on changing meeting times from 7-9pm to a new time of 6-8pm.

-Josh (or An idea was) presented his idea for Birthday Certificates. People could donate cash through a certificate. The money would go to a tuition assistance fund. Once the concept is ready an email will go out to all grades explaining the program and how it works.

-Principal's Report

-Rake-a-Thon –we made our goal!

-Carnival for students in grades 1-5, hosted by MS

-Parent/Teacher Conferences complete

-Current Service Projects underway-Food drive, Samaritan's Purse, Book/Bake Sale for postage, Winter Coat Drive

-Elections-assisted by our Student Council

-First MS Dance of the year

-Sixth Grade Environmental Camp complete and will be evaluated

-Vatican Splendor for Grades 7 and 8

-Upcoming Events

-Lockdown drill will begin

-First Trimester ends November 25

-Grading Day and report cards will be mailed November 26

- GA will have three Advents Prayer Services and Reconciliation for Grades 3-8, the usual Wednesday masses with one per month to be said by Fr. Thomas Joseph from St. Nicholas and mass on December 8 for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Our Christmas project for this year will again be Sharing and Caring Hands
- December 14 will be a Dad's Waffle Breakfast with GA student participation
- Quiz Bowl- four GA eighth graders will make up a team to compete with 47 other schools
- December 18 Concert and Senior Luncheon and two performances

-Accreditation

- The self-study is near completion for review. SAC members must be familiar with the whole process. Teachers are currently listing strengths and challenges so the Strategic Plan can be written
- The uniform committee plans to present to SAC at the December SAC meeting. They are currently focusing on MS and pricing a white shirt with GA emblem.
- Melissa contacted Rita for new photos for our School Display boards. We discussed using a variety of grades, making sure we included our areas of technology and a picture of the entire school after mass in the church.
- Staffing of the Pax Christi School Fair-Deacon Greg has volunteered his help. Father suggested some artifacts so we have tradition and history represented as well as our state of the art technology. SAC will help man all Masses on January 9 and 10, which include Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8am, 9:30 and 11 am and 5pm.
- Budgeting Considerations and options were discussed including preparing two budgets, discounts for early Kindergarten registration and other creative solutions to deal with current economic times. More discussion will occur at the next SAC meeting in December. SAC will meet two times in January to review budget.
- Open House is February 1. Teachers will staff their classrooms. Nancy and SAC members will host Welcome/Hospitality in gym. There will be two shifts for SAC members to sign up 8-10 am and 10-12.

- Father Paul talked about a Stewardship Committee. More discussion will follow at our next meeting.
- Terri reviewed some events throughout the year that require SAC member's participation to staff/host.
- Masters Fundraiser-we are behind on selling tickets to achieve our goal. Everyone was asked to send the flyer to everyone on your email list, to think of any contacts at local/nationwide golf courses, drop flyers in your neighbors paper slots, whatever we can do to increase awareness and ticket sales.