



St. Nicholas Parish

St. Victoria Parish

Guardian Angels Parish

Guardian Angels School

"All Our School Since 1917"

School Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: December 15, 2009

Attendees: Eric Crowell, Tom Tierney, Jenny Richelson, Amy Gallus, Kurt Richards, Father Paul Jarvis, Martha Radick, Michelle Godzak, Michelle Schaffer, Barb Winfield, Nancy Ronhovdee and Josh Yuhas

Guests: Tom Green and Jennifer Salwei

Barb Winfield, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Nancy Ronhovde, Principal, led the group in prayer.

Items Discussed:

Marketing Update

-Eric gave an update:

- 1) A Postcard will be mailed to all 3, 4 and 5 year olds in GA Parish for a "Save the Day" invitation to our Open House.
- 2) Ad in Chaska Herald-announcing the Open House in January and will include a picture for the children to color and bring in to win book prize from the Book Fair.
- 3) The group discussed the possibility of a second mailing in mid January, as a reminder for the Open House...110 people from GA will receive the postcard.

-Questions were raised about getting a list of 3, 4 and 5 year old children from St Vices and St. Nicks. Eric will talk to Jodie and try to get lists from both of our sister Parishes.

- Question was raised about passing the postcard out at Sunday Mass

-It was suggested a special mailing go home with our current Preschoolers. A special invitation will be given to the Preschoolers to take home to their families. It was suggested that these children have a special time in school to follow a current fourth and fifth grade student to “tour” GA.

-Eric will make postcards and ads and special invitation for our current Preschoolers to take home

-It was also suggested that during Catholic Schools week that we could give a special breakfast or a night time social for our current preschoolers

-Local Non-secular Preschools were discussed....Treks and Trails and Fit and Fun. Eric will make a poster with Open House Info and discuss with Tom Redmond and give a copy of the poster and some postcard to Josh who has a contact at Fit and Fun.

-It was discussed to make yard signs announcing Open House...people to contact are Ken Forner and Mary Van Sloan

Principal's Report

-Accreditation challenges must be addressed in a report to the Team. SAC and Nancy must address the Vision for the School including building renovation/maintenance/personnel/financial aid and development and enrollment projections.

-New Saber Wear

-SAC will meet Jan 5 to finalize tuition contracts

Budget for 2009/2010 school year discussions.

-A very lengthy budget discussion ensued.

-Tom Green suggested meeting with the Principal from St Matthews to understand their marketing Plan. Amy will contact him.

-Jennifer and Tom reviewed past tuition contracts policies for GA School.

-It was requested that Barb as chairperson invite Jim Healey and any other members of the Parish Finance Council to our Jan 5, 2010 budget meeting.

Next SAC meeting is January 5, 2010 at 6:30pm.