

SAINT MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

In the tradition of the Franciscan Fathers and Sisters of the Precious Blood

The Mission of St. Mary's High School is to provide a quality Catholic education by developing and sustaining a rich tradition in Gospel and family values, discipline and respect.

School Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 8, 2008

5:30 p.m.

St Mary's Cafeteria

The St Mary's High School Advisory Board met on Monday, September 8, 2008 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the St Mary's Cafeteria.

Members present: Stan Bednarek, Jeff Glenn, Juanita Gutierrez, Yvonne, Koehler, Roseann Osborn Perez, Ronnie Perez, Adela Trujillo, Stefanie Villa, Michael Ward, and Cynthia Zapien.

Members absent: Joe Ortiz.

The meeting opened with a prayer by Juanita Gutierrez.

The minutes of the May 2008 meeting were accepted as read.

Reports:

Student Council Report: Sarah McShane, President of the Student Council and Maranda Turnbough, Secretary of the Senior Class updated the Board on some of the Council's activities.

*Unknighthed Week was a great success.

*The Council is in the planning stages of Brophy Week and Homecoming events.

*There was a back to school dance held which went well.

*There are upcoming Freshman elections.

*The Council will be sending out birthday cards to staff and students through the year.

The board thanked the Student Council for their contributions to the school. Mark Mauro, Principal noted he meets with Student Council every other Tuesday to discuss issues and upcoming events.

He also wanted to thank the Student Council for their leadership during a recent dance when they took the initiative to clean up the campus.

Parent Organization: Elizabeth Evans, Co-President was in attendance with some brief updates.

*The PTO recently held a Freshman Parent Dinner, and the Freshman Dance was held the following week. The PTO noted they made calls to all freshman parents to invite them to the dinner.

Mrs. Evans noted that the PTO is in the beginning works of the directory. Mrs. Margaret Craig is presently working on the upcoming Honor Board reception which will be held sometime in October. This reception honors those students who have achieved a 3.75 avg at the end of their Junior Year.

It was suggested that the PTO e mail to Board members their activities and dates of their meetings. A PTO quarterly meeting is in the planning stages.

Development Report: A handout of the upcoming events for the development office was submitted. There was no development member in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Principals Report: A handout of the upcoming and recent events was distributed. Mr. Mauro noted that the school year is off to a great start. He spoke of the recent monsoon storm that left some areas of the campus damaged by water and downed trees, and the destruction of the statue of the Blessed Mother. They are in the preliminary stages of looking into a new statue to be made. The new dance floor off the cafeteria sustained the worst water damage. Mr. Mauro noted his thanks to all staff members who worked so hard to clean up the campus and those who made calls and offered their services. By the end of the weekend with everyone's hard work the campus was cleaned up. The school will have to make up the day with thoughts of it being Holy Thursday.

Finance Report: The finance meeting will be held on Sept 22nd.

Strategic Planning Report: There was nothing to report. The next meeting is to be held in December.

Building and Grounds Report: There was nothing to report. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept 23.

Technology Report: The technology report was approved by the Superintendent of the Diocese. The new Webpage is up and running. Mark discussed the new software to replace Winschool that was just put in place – PowerSchool. There have been some glitches that are being worked out. A letter will be mailed out shortly with passwords to parents so they can access their child's grades.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Personal goals for board members for the new year are:

Stefanie Villa – Get to know everyone as a new board member and to learn about the Boards mission and issues.

Ronnie Perez – Finish out last term as a board member.

Roseann Osborn Perez – Continue to work on the visibility of the board and getting the word out on how to let people know who the board is.

Jeff Glenn – Maintain catholic identify. Mr. Glenn is doing this with help from the Campus Minister.

Yvonne Koehler – Improve communication of the Board and ways to get it out to the people, and to try and attend ¼ of PTO meetings.

Juanita Gutierrez – Communication of the Board thru the website and personally continue to grow spiritually.

Cindy Zapien – To be more visible at activities and get more people to attend school activities.

Adela Trujillo – Try and get parents more informed of what's going on at the school.

Michael Ward – Be an advocate for SMHS.

Mark Mauro – Clear up misconceptions of the high school.

Karen Mankoski – Be a link to the school board from the scholarship and benefits board

Stan Bednarek – Try and get parents more involved in the Board and school, and to see more parents in attendance at functions.

These goals will be brought back in April and May to see how everyone fared.

Abatement: Mark Mauro discussed the abatement and the progress and issues that are being evaluated. Any changes at this time probably won't take effect until next summer.

Accreditation: Mark discussed this year's upcoming accreditation and discussed the meetings with staff that will be taking place. The chief of the accreditation team will be here on campus in October to tour the high school.

Marketing Committee: Michael Ward discussed some of the upcoming marketing plans for the high school. He also reviewed the student survey that was completed at the end of last school year and thanked Lane Gallett, a recent graduate who went out of her way to complete the survey and forward it to the marketing committee after graduating.

Suggested Items/Next Meeting:

*Update of the drug testing done during the last school year.

*Advertisement for a Personal Counselor has begun.

Upcoming Events:

*New Board orientation meeting – Sept 30th at the Diocese

*Diocesan School Board retreat – Sept 26 and 27 in Flagstaff. Mark Mauro will be attending

*Board Prayers for October – Jeff Glenn will do it next month

*Steve Beltran Golf Tournament is Sept 20th. For more information see Karen Mankoski of the Scholarship and Benefits Committee.

*Ronnie Perez has put together a few sample shirts for the Advisory Board. They are available to view at tonight's meeting.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Juanita Gutierrez.

The next meeting of the Advisory Board is Oct 13th.