

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, October 13, 2008

5:30 p.m.

St Mary's Cafeteria

The St Mary's High School Advisory Board met on Monday, October 13, 2008 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the St Mary's Cafeteria.

Members present: Stan Bednarek, Jeff Glenn, Juanita Gutierrez, Yvonne Koehler, Joe Ortiz, Roseann Osborn Perez, Ronnie Perez, Adela Trujillo, and Stefanie Villa.

Members absent: Michael Ward and Cindy Zapien.

Attendees: Fr. Paul Sullivan, Spiritual Director and Karen Mankoski, Executive Director of Scholarship and Benefit fund.

The meeting opened with a prayer by Jeff Glenn.

The minutes of the September, 2008 meeting were accepted as read.

Reports:

*****Reports from the following committees are e-mailed/distributed prior to Advisory Board Meetings*****

Student Council Report: Sarah McShane, President of STUCO and Claire Bottari, Student Body Secretary gave an update of their events both upcoming and past. Some of the upcoming events are: *1st Bonfire, 2nd Annual lock in during Brophy Week, Smiles of Christmas and Homecoming week events. Recently a collection of money for Hurricane Ike was taken up and monies collected will be given to a catholic school in the Galveston area. Sarah noted they are still looking for an old auto to destroy during Brophy Week.

Mark Mauro asked the Advisory Board to adjust the agenda so Sarah McShane and Claire Bottari could be in attendance as he updated the Board with information about last year's random drug testing, its facts and figures, the results, and to get a student's viewpoint of the testing. Sarah and Claire thought testing was a good thing for St Mary's as it gave students the excuse they needed when they are pressured by their peers. Funding for this year's testing is being worked on by Mrs. Fessler.

Parent Organization: There were no members of the parent organization in attendance. Mark Mauro updated the advisory board of the PTO's upcoming events. On October 29th there will be an informative session for parents on how to access and navigate Powerschool and the webpage. Two PTO meetings are being planned in November and December (breakfast meetings). The PTO is

finalizing the parent directory. On October 15th, PTO will host the honor board reception for those senior students who maintained a 3.75 average during their junior year.

Development Report: Bridget Costello thanked everyone for their support during her family's difficult time. She distributed a handout with information on the upcoming events planned by the Development Office and gave an update of their events.

Principals Report: Mark discussed the recent visit by the Chief of the Accreditation Team, Mr. Greg Dhuyvetter who was very impressed thus far during his recent visit.

Mark introduced Fr. Paul Sullivan, St Mary's High School's new spiritual director. Mark noted the St Mary's family recent loss of Mr. Joe Kealy and Mrs. Ista. Upcoming on Friday is the first of our two 8th grade days.

Finance Report: Liz Hansen discussed the September financials. The roofing on the buildings has been completed. In the future solar panels may be installed. The debt on Piper Hall has now begun to be repaid.

Strategic Planning Report: The next meeting will be in November or December.

Building and Grounds Report: Cindy Zapien, Chairperson of this committee was not in attendance due to a personal issue.

Technology Report: The technology committee needs to come forth with standards for all the different areas of the website so that they look alike. The committee is also looking for new members.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mark noted the new addition to the staff at St Mary's - Katie Stoll who has joined our Counseling Team

Abatement: Mark noted that they are working with the City of Phoenix on permits and working with the architects.

Marketing Committee: None

Upcoming Events:

*Project Grad is hosting a dinner for \$5 during the Brophy game.

*November 1st the Diocese is sponging a Night of Hope

*Oct 24th is Senior Night at the Brophy game

*November 16th is Open House

Suggested Items for Next Meeting:

*Abatement

*Accreditation

*Marketing – Mark will be submitting to Advisory Board, Chapters 1, 2 and 3 of the Accreditation Report and asking for feedback. Chapter 4 should be completed by the end of October.

Good of Order:

A suggestion that the board honor a parent once a month who goes above and beyond. Criteria for this should be submitted to Ronnie Perez.

Yvonne Koehler will be in charge of the prayer for the November meeting.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Jeff Glenn.

The next meeting of the Advisory Board is Nov17th.