

Saint Mary's High School Advisory Board

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

School Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 9, 2009

5:30pm

Thomas J. Reilly Library & Resource Center

The Saint Mary's High School Advisory Board met on Monday, November 9, 2009, beginning at 5:30pm in the Thomas J. Reilly Library & Resource Center.

The meeting was called to order by President, Jeff Glenn.

Members present: Jeff Glenn, Adela (Lillian) Trujillo, Roseanne Osborn-Perez, Evelyn Dawson, Rosie Perez, Stan Bednarek, Rosie Perez, Kurt Schuler, Vernon Speshock, Stefanie Villa and Cindy Zapien.

Members absent: Michael Ward

Attendees: Suzanne Fessler, Carlos Sanchez, Liz Hansen, Sarah Tellez, Victoria Placencia, Tonya Norwood Pearson and Johnny Young.

Mrs. Fessler asked Rosie Perez to take the oath of office. She did so and signed the requested document.

Jeff Glenn led the group in an opening prayer.

No audience was in attendance.

The minutes of the October meeting were reviewed. They were approved as submitted.

These minutes will be posted on the school web site.

Reports:

The Student Council Report was presented by Sarah Tellez, vice president. Upcoming events include the SM Open House, Brophy Bonfire scheduled for the basketball season, teacher appreciation gifts and the Student Council President's Luncheon. Our students council members have volunteered to assist the Laughlin family in their preparations for the golf tournament, in memory of Dr. Laughlin. Dr. Laughlin was a generous donor to the SM student council. Smiles of Christmas are scheduled for December 1, 2009. Our guests will arrive at 10:00am. Volunteers are still needed for this event. If anyone would like to help with the supervision of the students please contact Dr. Rockwell.

Ms. Norwood Pearson and Mr. Young presented a written Parent Organization Report. The calendar of events was reviewed. The Student Directory project has been revised. The contact information will be available on the internet. The guidelines and details for this project will be researched. It will be necessary to have the information password protected. Liz Hansen and the Web Master will supervise this release of information. If a parent requests a printed copy we will provide that for them. The next big projects for the Parent Org will be the Fashion Show and assisting with the CTODP phone-a-thon.

Mr. Sanchez presented the Athletic Department Report. The Varsity Football Team will advance to the state playoffs on 11/13/09. We play the Basha Bears at Basha High School. SM sent nine athletes to the State Swim Meet this year, and five athletes to the Cross Country Meet. Two of our Boys' Golf athletes advanced to the State Golf Meet. The Winter Season for sports began November 2, 2009. Basketball and Soccer are the sports played in the winter season. Channing Frye has filmed in the SM gym since arriving in Phoenix. SM has 3 major league baseball players, 2 NBA players and 2 major league referees in its alumni list.

Questions and discussion followed about the AIA violations reported in the paper. *In this particular case the student athlete had transferred to Cesar Chavez and the required paperwork was not completed by the administration. Due to the fact that the athlete was never "cleared" to play, the games won by the team had to be forfeited. Completing required paperwork has become a much larger job than it was in the past.* The definition of a Hardship Appeal was discussed. The Soccer Program will be limited to varsity only this year. We do not have enough participation to field a JV team. We are hoping that the soccer teams will be more competitive this year. Mr. Sanchez explained the reasons for not continuing with the wrestling program. The lack of a safe facility for the program was the main reason for cancelling this sport.

We are currently selling \$10.00 gold shirts for play-offs. We want to have a "gold out" the remainder of this week. It has been five years since the football team has made it to the state play-offs. The funeral for Joe Vales, former SM coach, is scheduled for this Saturday at the Saint Mary's Basilica. The reception will be here at the SM Cafeteria.

There was no report from the Scholarship and Benefit Fund.

Mrs. Fessler presented a written Principal's Report. She reviewed the calendar of upcoming events. Ms. Stoll has scheduled the Not My Kid series of presentations. The students, parents and staff will be scheduled to hear this presentation in the near future; Title \$ funds will be used to pay for these presentations.

Our Open House is scheduled for November 15th. Five students will assist with the presentation to visiting families. 470 students attended our two eighth grade days. The Strategic Plan Committee Meeting scheduled for Saturday has been postponed to January 23rd or possibly an evening meeting. We will continue to work on scheduling this meeting.

The written minutes from the September and October Finance Committee meetings were presented to the Board. Mrs. Hansen stated that there was no written *October* Balance Sheet or Budgeted Financial Report at this time *due to the fact that the month had not yet been closed*. This report will be available at the next Advisory Board meeting. The enrollment for SM is currently 706. We are focusing our attention on delinquent accounts at this time, in preparation for semester testing. We are offering a finance seminar on November 18th to inform our families about funding options through the use of the tax credit. All delinquent families have been invited to attend this seminar. We have applied for a Farrington Foundation grant in the amount of \$50,000.00. We will be notified of the result sometime in December.

Discussion followed about the recent newspaper articles *covering tax credit*. It was noted that the Brophy Foundation was mentioned as one of the *STO's who did not spend the 90% in available CTC funds*.

It was suggested that we contact them about sharing some of this money with our families in need. They currently assist some diocesan elementary schools who have financial need. Mrs. Hansen will work with Mrs. Fessler regarding *the possibility of asking Brophy Community Foundation to assist our neediest families*.

Mrs. Rosie Perez presented a written Buildings and Grounds Report. There were no questions at this time. Members commented on the SM shaped shrubs in the front of the school. Discussion followed on how best to make this area "stand out".

The Technology Committee submitted a written report. They are currently looking at the software for a survey at SM.

The By-Laws Committee will meet on Nov. 19th. There is no report at this time.

Old Business:

There is no new information regarding the street abatement and progress of our plaza.

Open House is scheduled for November 15th. Members of the Advisory Board will cook hotdogs for our guests at that event. Set-up will be at 11:00am. The Board will have an information table in the gym.

Mrs. Trujillo will provide printed information for this table.

The Corporate Board Meeting will be held on November 19, 2009 at 3:00pm. Mrs. Hansen will make a financial report at this meeting.

Good of the Order:

Mrs. Roseann Perez thanked Mrs. Fessler for inviting her to the Night of Hope event. 700 people attended this event. Representatives from every diocesan school were in attendance. It was a great fund raising event for the diocese.

The Hall of Fame dinner was a well attended event. Father Alonso, Greg Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Beltran and Herb Tiffany were the honorees.

Mr. Speshock will lead the prayer at the next meeting.
Stan Bednarek led the members in a closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned.