

ST XAVIER SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

September 16, 2009

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Kim Coy
Ann Marie Thompson
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Brenda Werner

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Father Brungardt Superintendent, Pastor
Rhonda Millard Co-Principal
Lori Balderrama Co-Principal
Rosie Kane Community Education

The meeting was called to order at 7:08. Father led with a prayer. Brenda Dacus resigned her position effective September 14th. Pixie was absent Julie Booth and Marilyn Paras were both present as they had items under New Business on the agenda.

Minutes from the August meeting were read and approved as written

The agenda for September was read and accepted with the addition of Marilyn Paras added under New Business.

Principals Report given by Mrs. Millard

- Enrollment is currently 140. We have lost a few students due to moves
- We received AYP across the board in math, reading, attendance and graduation. This was very exciting and there will be a school wide celebration
- There was a trial lockdown, which was overall successful, but had a few kinks to work out. Was a learning experience
- The High school volleyball tournament went very well.
- The 4th and 5th graders are attending a Water Festival
- September 28th Diversity starts for the grades 9-12. It will be during seminar hour, one time a month
- Mrs. Kane will be attending the NCA Conference in Wichita on Nov 5, 6 & 7. We are starting a new 5 year cycle this year. There is a teacher in-service on NCA on October 23rd
- Red Ribbon Week is Oct 20th and Mrs. McConnell is planning an all day event with Ft. Riley
- Sept 26th is Fall Maintenance Day, hope to have a good turnout
- Freshman magazine sales begin Sept. 23rd
- Trash bag sales are going on until the 4th. We need at least 250 sales to place an order (last year we had 700). The class that sells the most will get a pizza party
- There are 9 students in the string program with Mr. Weber and Mrs. Corlett.

Old Business

*The Golf Tournament made \$12, 200 and the money goes into the general fund. Mike McKone and Bob Henderson were co-chairs and did an excellent job.

*New Council Members: Need to find some, need new blood.

*Discovery Days is Oct 24th and 25th. We will plan at the next month's meeting

New Business

- We need to review the constitution and the bylaws of the school council, otherwise we will have no members due to time limits. All members are over the limit except for Ann Marie. It will need to be changed and so it was tabled until next month
- Review NCA/QPA Progress: We are currently done with our local assessments and they are scored. If students are weak in an area then they get a student improvement plan. We are starting a new cycle, Nancy Boles is the head of our accrediting organization and we are getting ready to meet to make sure we are all on the same page, and to set goals and strategies for improvement. We need to continue doing what we have been doing.
- Meeting Format: What is the role of the council? We are an Advisory council only. Other councils that are secular, like a Board of Directors are more involved in the budget, curriculum planning, etc... Since we are advisory only our role is more ambiguous, we review activities/events/make suggestions to the principals: May need an ins-ervice for the council. The members were asked what we can do to meet the needs of our school and get more involved. Asked to come up with an idea and present it at the next meeting.
- After School Club: Julie Booth (Parent of Brennan Booth, 8th grade; Circle 4: Treasurer for Parish Council). Mrs. Booth would like to start a Japanese Club after school. She feels that clubs broaden the interest of students and can help make them well-rounded. Wants to know who can start a new club and what can be done. Answer: Petition signed by 15 students according to page 22 of the handbook,. Need to write a proposal, state the purpose of the club; when/where/how often and present it to the principal. There was discussion that if this was presented as a seminar class instead of an after school club there may very well be more interest in it, and then students who played sports would also be able to participate and learn about Japan and its customs and culture. Mrs. Booth agreed to work with the principals on making it a seminar class and she will teach it.
- Calendar: Each class will be asked to design a page for the calendar since there will be 12 months and 12 grades. Need to get to work on this if it is going to be an option next year
- Handwashing: Marilyn Paras presented to the board that the school currently is using hand gel only outside the lunchroom and the computer labs, because it is very expensive to replace refill these (about \$200 month). She has done some research and the Purell kills germs the quickest and fastest, but is very expensive. Wanted a fundraiser for buying soap/gel dispensers, and wants pump bottles in each class room. Asked if a person could bring a bottle of Purell to the carnival and in exchange get 5 tickets. The board thought that was a great idea and Mrs. Paris agreed to send out e-mails and fliers to try to raise money to buy the Purell.

Pastors Report

None

Open Forum

-AYP stands for adequate yearly progress, according to the No Child Left Behind, proficiency is at 50%. JCHS and JCMS were not. We expect every school to be on improvement by the year 2011. Grades 9-11 have 2 chances to be tested-OTL can take early and then bank that score if they do well. If you are on improvement for 2 years they will send in counselors.

-Need more letters for the billboard

-Discussion about Newsletter, some members thought it did not pertain to them, others thought it was great and have shared it with co-workers and friends to get the news about St. Xavier's spread. Everyone thought Rosie Kane was doing an awesome job in her new role.

Meeting adjourned