

SCHOOL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The following are highlights from the SC meeting held on April 15, 2008.

Prayer: Msgr. Mike led this session of the SC meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the March meeting approved.

Open Forum: No comments from the audience.

Old Business: None

PPC Report: Lindsey reported on the most recent PPC meeting held in April. She reported on the

Grotto. Proposal is underway with location at the St. Matthew Devotional Park...**Olan Mills – Pictorial Directory** is in process.

Sign up is only through the website. Dates extend from June 17th through August 16th. The actual dates and times will be posted 2-3 weeks before the shoot begins...**Parish Festival** is moving along well. There is a great support team present this year for the PF...Booth setup is Saturday evening. There will be a variety of foodstuffs, numbering 13. There will be 13-15 booths, some areas will be combined into one booth... The health inspector will be visiting April 28th at the next PF meeting...Have rented two (2) Port-A-Potties... DJ Ray will be our entertainment, along with some other groups...Will have 2-3 crew members for ongoing cleanup during the actual day...BC will take care of the cleanup and breakdown afterwards. They are needing about 15 people for this...Bingo will be again in the MFC...School is responsible for the various game booths. We will have two sections: one for teens and one for the smaller children...Raffle tickets are going well. We will be going to 2-3 other parishes with the cars to sell tickets prior to the PF Day of May 4th. The time is 12Noon to 6PM...**40th Anniversary** Teresa Rivera and Deirdre Murphy continue to head up the committee for this. They will be reporting back to the PPC at the May meeting.

PTC Report: Aaron gave an abbreviated financial report on the PTC. It was a summary of the funds as a handout...Summary includes a total income of \$144K - \$21K beginning balance; \$73K profit from Spirit Day; \$50K profit from Gala. Expenses – with a breakdown as to where given to the SC – totaled \$94K thus far, with an expected additional expenses totaling \$44K, including police, scholarships, CYO lights, landscaping / plants / trees as well as moneys to the Endowment Fund... Chairs have been found for both next year's Spirit Day and Gala. [SC member voiced an awareness that Spring Break comes early next year. A consideration for the date when the Gala takes place.]...Have given \$1700 to a needy school family from PTC funds... Have not yet donated the \$5K to a needy school. Alvin will bring this to the next Principal's meeting for their applications to be sent to either Aaron or Msgr. Mike...Looking for three (3) additional PTC Board members. There are a total of five (5) on the PTC Executive Committee or Board. Position are: Treasurer, Vice-Chair and Legislative Liaison.

Principal's Report: Alvin spoke on the following items:

Student Information

Enrollment: Present enrollment is 724.

Re-enrollment: Re-enrollment is complete and new families are being called to register. All grade levels are being scheduled for testing and possible enrollment weekly. We currently have 735 students available to begin next school year. Most openings are in the Elementary level. We have a waiting list for Middle School.

Staffing Report

Staff members that have indicated they will not be returning for the 2007-2008 school year include: Mr. Ricardo Bazan, Middle School Science and Ms. Marquita Patterson, Middle School Math. Interviews are being conducted this week in an effort to fill both of these positions before the end of the current school year. We have had many applicants. We hear that the reason is some of the public school teachers are not happy with the extensive testing that needs to be done as well as behavioral issues of the students.

Calendar for 2008-2009

The calendar for the 2008-2009 School Academic Year has been approved by the Archdiocese office and a copy is attached.

Technology

We are entering the final phase of replacement computers for teachers this summer. This means all teachers will have a computer that is no more than two years old...Mrs. Tipps presented an in-service training on the use of PowerPoint in the classroom. Teachers learned the basics of the application and how to integrate its use into their classrooms. Concern voiced by a SC member about postings on Edline. Mr. Caro stated that any lagging that takes place should be referred to him.

Curriculum

SAT 10 testing has been completed and the results are due back the in late May. This year The Scholastic School Readiness Test was given to our kinder students. The results of these tests will be reviewed with parents on Wednesday, April 16 before the PTC meeting...Adoption of a Reading Program is to be investigated this coming year...Ms. Ibar is working on choice slips for M.S. students for next year and the new scheduling cycle will soon begin. And yes, parents do have input into these elective choices that their son or daughter wishes to make. Slips have been sent home for this.

Upcoming Events

April 26	First Holy Communion 2 nd Grade
April 25	Fiesta Holiday
April 17	7 th Grade Field Trip to the Capital
May 1	6 th Grade Retreat
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May 2	May Crowning/8 th grade group picture
May 4	Parish Festival

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May 8	All Sports Banquet
May 14	National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony
May 15	8 th grade trip to the Dixie Dude Ranch
May 22	Elementary Field Day
May 19-20	8 th Grade Semester Exams
May 27-28	6 th & 7 th Semester Exams
May 23	Kinder Promotion
May 24	8 th Grade Graduation

Teacher's Report: Ann Marie Ibar updated the SC on various teachers' activities and areas...She also talked about the scholarship applications available to our 8th grade students going on to Catholic high school. She will also take care of the Parish scholarships. The students themselves vote on the one boy and one girl in the areas of Academics, Athletics and Christian Living.

Financial Report: Mike Finger took the SC through the March financials of the school. Currently we have \$580K in the checking account, which includes \$17.6K in accounts receivable. This is a large drop from the previous month, approximately 50% reduction. Currently on pace to have a surplus or about \$40K for this SY, a drop due to the increased security upgrades. Budget is on 710 students and at this time we have 724. The budget for the school for 2007-2008 is \$3.24M... Endowment Fund is at \$534,374...Mike also passed out a listing of Unfunded Projects / Items for this and next SY. There is a change in the accounting system mandated by the Archdiocese. All moneys are to be from the current fiscal year, July 1st through June 30th. With this in mind, teachers will be paid over 11-months rather than 12 months. This means our cash flow will have to be carefully watched for the additional moneys needed for this change in the Ministry Agreement timeline.

Curriculum: The teacher development proposal is being put on hold at this time. Alvin is meeting with NISD soon on various government grants: Title 2A, which accents school entitlements for teacher development; Title 4, which is for safe and drug free campuses and Title 5, which is for library assistance.

Development: Mitch Finnie reported that he will have the complete list of donors by the next meeting.

Policy & Planning: Frank Morales: There is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 23rd, at 5:30PM in Mr. Caro's office. Some changes and adaptations will be taking place, including a revamping of Parents As Partners from PTC. Also, AD Chris Juarez and Msgr. Mike have discussed the changes for the Athletic Policy and eligibility for various grade levels. The draft of the 2008-2009 Handbook is to be completed by May 1st. SC will be notified via email the entire document and will vote on it at the May meeting.

Buildings & Grounds: Sr. Bernice reported on the two most recent BC meetings held in late March and on Monday, April 14th. Major areas were the following: Lighting for baseball field at Park – CYO; Security fencing for school; Repaving Church parking lot; Gym lighting problems; Master Plan and BBQ area in Holden's Grove; Parish festival clean-up duties; Update on St. Vincent de Paul Freezer / Refrigerator; and the old concession stand at the ballpark on the Main Campus. Msgr. Mike added that BC approved the go ahead on the re-paving of the parking lot. Estimates are: Asphalt re-paving of church parking - \$ 294,249; Add paving at school areas - \$ 64,530; Add 15 % contingency for discovered areas of base to repair - \$ 50,156; Add Architectural Fees - < \$ 3,700; Add testing fees (included in numbers above); Add conduits from Admin to SVDP / Rectory - Add sleeves to island north of Admin for irrigation - Add other anticipated sleeves [All these to be marked by the Facilities Manager] – estimated cost for these items - \$11,000. Total package is approximately \$435K.

Nominating: Shirley Moy: Has four male and five female nominees for the upcoming election in May.

These are three year terms, from 2008-2011. The five (5) male nominees are: **Ed Rios, Patrick Porter, Ray Longoria, Jorge Garza and J.J. Gaspard.** The four (4) female nominees are: **Debbie Walton, Stacy Henry, Paula Ortiz and Chrissy Rios.** Two from each group are elected the 3rd weekend of May.

Technology: JoAnn Aguilera: No report.

Survey: David Cantu: No report.

Msgr. Mike's Additions: Msgr. Mike added the following items for the SC's information.

1. We have a new auxiliary-bishop, Oscar Cantu, from Galveston-Houston Archdiocese. He is 41 and will be the youngest bishop in the US. The priests will meet with him at a Luncheon on Monday, May 5th from 11:30AM-2PM at Holy Spirit Banquet Hall.
2. Fencing around portables will be postponed until the re-paving is done.
3. Fr. Agustín will be remaining with us for another year.
4. Fortieth Anniversary plans continue with the parish: November 23rd at 3PM.
5. Health Insurance is being revamped. They should be no premium increases.
6. SC bylaws need to be looked at and shared with all SC members again.

Marquee in conjunction with the parish needs addressing. Alvin will talk with Bernard.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Agustín led the prayer.

Next Meeting: May 20, 2008, Cafeteria, 7-9PM

ATTENTION SENIOR CITIZENS:

St. Matthew Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 7AM until Noon.

St. Matthew Parish has a program for you if you are 60 years of age or older. Various activities are sponsored by our parish from 9 AM until 11 AM on Monday through Friday. Our center is affiliated with the City Of San Antonio, Department of Community Initiatives, Elderly and Disabled Services Division. This department provides the center members with a nutritious lunch at 11:15 AM every day.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE LUNCH PROGRAM.

Come and make new friends, find an activity that you like, and enjoy a nutritious lunch. Come every day or come on days when you do not have anything else to do.

We welcome new members and invite you to be a part of our interesting senior center.

To register, please come to the Parish Hall between 9 AM and 11 AM on weekdays, or call Georgia Wall at 478-5017.

Covered Dish Luncheon

Members of the Senior Center will celebrate April birthdays with a covered dish luncheon on Tuesday, April 29.

Participants are invited to bring their favorite food or make a small monetary donation for any additional food that may need to be purchased.

Weekly Activities

The following activities start at 9 AM and end at 11 AM.

The activities in the Senior Center for the week are as follows:

Monday – Bingo and Art Practice

Tuesday – Quilting classes, Bunco

Wednesday - Quilting and Bingo

Thursday - Ceramics (every other week)

Thursday - Jewelry Making (every other week)

Thursday - Instructional Art

Friday – Bingo

JEWELRY MAKING CLASS

A jewelry making class will be offered to members of the Senior Center beginning on Thursday, October 18. Classes will be held every other Thursday. The class will be held from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM. A small monetary contribution for materials will be required from class participants at each session. For any questions, or to register, please call Georgia Wall in the Senior Center Office at 478-5017.

THE SENIOR CENTER WILL APPRECIATE ANY DONATIONS OF BEADING TOOLS THAT CAN BE USED TO MAKE JEWELRY:

LONG NOSE PLYERS

CRIMPERS

WIRE CUTTERS

ALSO, ANY BEADS, CRYSTALS, OR OTHER ITEMS THAT ARE USED FOR JEWELRY

DANCE THERAPY CLASSES

These classes for members of the Senior Center are held on Wednesday mornings from 9AM until 10AM. This class is for those already registered in the Senior Center. If you are a Center member and have not signed up for the classes yet, please call Georgia Wall at 478-4017.

Caseworker

A caseworker from the City of San Antonio Department of Community Initiatives (Senior Services Division) is in our Senior Center in the Parish Hall on Tuesdays from 9 AM until noon for anyone who may need his help. He may also be reached at

210-207-5302 if you are unable to come to the Parish Hall on Tuesday mornings.

For additional information concerning the Senior Center, please call 210-478-5017.

DONATIONS NEEDED to purchase thread for baby blankets, hats and booties. St. Matthew has two wonderful ladies who donate their time crocheting for the poor. For \$20 they are able to make 3 sets. If you can help, please call Sr. Therese at 478-5010. Thanks for your support!

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

For the protection of our parishioners, we ask that you refrain from giving money to persons requesting assistance on the Church grounds. This has given us cause for concern as parishioners are approached in the parking lot at all hours.

Please refer these people to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Administration Building or Msgr. Mike during business hours. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Attention All Middle School Students

T.A.G.

(Tweens And God)

You're it!!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT



SUNDAY, APRIL 27

6:00 - 7:30 PM in Gym of McDonald Family Center

SPORTS/GAME

NITE!!!!