

St. Monica School Commission Minutes
October 17, 2011
7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Amy Baker, Brenda Kowinski, Marc Guess, John Wieland, Tom Eifert, Marco Vargas, Melanie Kuester, Michelle Boyd, Anne Shea, Carlos Alexander, Julie Koegel, Renee Cook and Carolyn Mosby-Williams

Guests: None

Excused: None

Not Present: Dee Dee Simpson-Fultz

The following information was opinions of each committee. No discussion was had. The information will be discussed at a future meeting if necessary.

I. Call to Order

- A. Opening prayer was not done due to virtual meeting
- B. Roll Call – was gathered based on comments sent out to all
- C. September 19, 2011 meeting minutes were distributed by e-mail. Carlos, Marc and Anne replied back that no changes were needed. Minutes approved.

II. Old Business

- A. Balanced Calendar – John Wieland distributed the pros and cons of a balanced calendar. Please see attached.
- B. Online Suggestion – Amy and Jessica Sinkovic have uploaded the pictures to the website and are connected to e-mail addresses. Pictures for the hallway are still in the works.
- C. Development of Nursing home property – Hearing in front of the Zoning Board is scheduled for October 18th.
- D. Celebrating Catholic Schools week – contacted Barb Bacon about suggestions for people to attend. Michelle has had no takers. Brenda and Todd Kowinski will attend as representatives of Knights of Columbus. Will also ask a PTO member to attend.

III. Information and Reports

- A. President's Remarks -- Keep up the good work
- B. Principal's Reports
 - a. Run/Walk-a-thon was a huge success. We raised around \$16,000. Students, parents and staff reported this as a favorite fundraiser.

- b. Ministry Fair — there was one name on the contact sheet from the ministry fair on Sunday. I was able to supervise for 3 hours.
- c. Coffee and Conversation date and agenda – Date is set for October 26th after the Wednesday mass. Agenda items will be the new science curriculum for grades 4-8, Craine House update, and questions from parents.
- d. Brenda and Todd Kowinski to attend Celebrating Catholic Schools Value dinner.
- e. Craine House meeting was held on October 10th with about 50-75 parents in attendance. Mr. Schommer and I completed an on the spot audit of Craine House on 10/13/11 with results matching that of the presentation on Monday night. Parents are signing a petition opposing the variance. I will be in attendance with Fr. Todd's letter at the hearing on 10/19/11.
- f. There has been a parent complaint about communication of Service Hours and the ban of dodge ball in gym class. I have not requested our gym subs, as Ms. Willoughby has been out since 9/20/11 with a shoulder injury, to stop playing dodge ball. However, classes have been following the curriculum plans from the SPARK grant we received over the summer.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Finance
- B. Monitoring – we are helping to put together the 2010-2011 St. Monica Parish end of the year report and gathering the school information. Will report on progress next month.
- C. Marketing & Communication – the committee met and have sent e-mails to school commission regarding the information night. Also started working on the Open House for January. Hoping to work with Mr. Schommer to have the students film and produce a video highlighting the benefits of the school (script to be written by our group and school administration) to be shown at the Open House.
- D. Membership -- Julie Koegel reported that she sent a proposed election timeline to Regina Weber and Amy Baker. She is awaiting response from both.

V. New Business

- A. Scott Storms has been working on Grant Writing for PTO. Has written two grants but just got response that we didn't get it.

VI. Staff Recognition – no staff recognized this month.

VII. Closing Announcements

- A. Future potential topics
- B. Next Commission Meeting is November 21st @ 7:00 pm St Augustine Hall

VIII. Meeting Adjournment

- A. Closing prayer was not led due to virtual meeting.