



## **SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (CSAC) MEETING**

December 08, 2009

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

Paula Pedro  
Maria Guiao  
Lina Cassano

Dina Mendes  
Marianne Gilbert  
April Wilson

Clara Mathie  
Paula Parisi  
Cleo Blackwood

Esteal Agra  
Marina Reid  
Dorothy Minichiello

Meeting commenced at 6:50 p.m.

Opening prayer led by Ms. Parisi

#### **WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS:**

Ms. Paris welcomed all and introduced herself

#### **MINUTES:**

Minutes were distributed, read and accepted by Lina Cassano & Maria Guiao

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Dorothy gave an explanation of last year's budget / financial reports (all had been put in order); A copy of this year's budget report was submitted however incomplete because of the uncertainty of the executive and required addressing / confirmation of the priorities / wish lists. Amendments were made to the Agenda - should be \$4947.92 (not \$392.39 in expenses) and it was suggested that we should look at mandating funds for agenda in the next school year. Receipts for AV equipment had been submitted from the music department (which Mr. Marciliano had received a substantial discount but Clara confirmed that two mikes were still required). An ammendment was made to the Instrumental Music title; should be Instrumental / Music; An ammendment was made to Other Expenses title; should be CSAC Wish List. Fundscript - Ms. Parisi reported that \$2085.00 was sold to-date; gave Paula the funds.

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT:**

Chair Resignation - a resignation was received from Ms. Capua due to a conflict of work schedule; it was asked if anyone would like to step into this position - no one came forth.

#### Chocolate Fundraiser;

- \* Winners had been confirmed and Paula Pedro would email Paula Parisi the final list and all winners would be announced on December 18th, 2009;

#### QSP:

- \* Paula suggested that we continue with the QSP Magazine sales (she offered to copy the flyers and drop off at the school to be handed out)
  - \* there is no work involved in this (any sales benefits go directly to the school - cheque is issued from QSP twice a school year).

#### December 15th Mass:

- \* Ms. Parisi confirmed she would be handling that evening and would organize volunteers with Ms. Guiao; Father requested that no pizza brought in; Ms. Parisi confirmed that CSAC would not be required to purchase anything;

#### Teachers Funds:

- \* confirmed that each teacher (including ME teacher) has been allotted \$100.00 with the exception of JK & SK (they're allotted \$50.00 per teacher per class).
- \* requested that a deadline be agreed upon to submit receipts (no deadline was discussed).

#### Safety Concerns / Incidents Reported:

- \* a copy of email was distributed (as per parent request)
- \* Ms. Parisi acknowledged understanding of concern however would not deal with anonymous letters (due to potential personal agendas);
- \* Ms. Parisi suggested that a safe schools 20 to 30 minute presentation be put forth during our next CSAC meeting and further suggesting to the code of conduct listed at the front of the agenda; a sexual harassment presentation was being given to the 8's then to the 7's; in January a child development institute "snap for junior students" was being given; act & adapt;
- \* Dorothy asked that all teachers enforce parents / students to sign off on the code of conduct - Ms. Parisi confirmed she would have the teachers / students do this over the holidays;
- \* Paula Pedro asked if there was enough supervision (both in and outside the school) during all recesses and afterschool - Ms. Parisi said she would discuss this at the next teacher meeting.
- \* Dorothy brought up fairbank students (who are constantly hanging around our principal's car parking area at lunch time), other parents confirmed this - Ms. Parisi confirmed that she would call the principal at fairbank's school and begin a dialogue; Ms. Gilbert confirmed that she was outside monitoring at 8am, and all the recesses;
- \* Many parents voiced that teachers should spread out more and Ms. Parisi stated that she would remind the teachers of this.

#### Habitat for Humanity:

- \* it was agreed that a presentation was not a CSAC issue and Ms. Parisi offered to contact Ms. Moreno and give her the contact information at the school board.

All attendees enjoyed a wonderful potluck dinner.

Meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.