

## ST. PIUS X SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

### MINUTES FOR APRIL 21, 2008

In Attendance: Darlene Tobin, Msgr. Larry, Liz Potter, Brian Ruby, Will Ward, Rachel Lopez, Michael Rochester; Absent: Carol Newman, Frank Velez, Frank Perez, Amber Martinez, Alicia Mendoza, Michelle Rochester

Msgr. Larry opened with a prayer.

Minutes: March 2008 minutes to be approved at May 2008 SAC meeting.

#### Committee Updates:

##### A. Marketing/Advertising

###### 1. Parish Visits:

- i. Rachel discussed her visit to Divine Mercy in Mesquite. She attended 3 Sunday masses and handed out approximately 20 brochures. There was a lot of interest at the Spanish-speaking mass. Lots of people wanted packets and several questions regarding cost and scholarships were answered.
- ii. Will discussed his visit to St. Michael's in Garland. He attended the Saturday vigil and all Sunday masses. Approximately 20 brochures were handed out here as well. One SPX alum stopped by to say he would be relocating back to Dallas from Houston and would be looking into SPX when his children reach school age in approximately two years.

#### PTO Update:

No PTO rep present/no update.

#### Pastor's Update:

Father contacted Juan Guerrero regarding the old Ferguson Road initiative. Mr. Guerrero indicated the Lower Ferguson Road initiative is still active, but the Upper Ferguson Road Initiative is no longer active.

During the Deanery meeting, Father stated that it was a duty for those parishes without schools to advertise Catholic schools, including but not limited to, St. Pius X. The reply from the pastors of those parishes was a resounding send your ads to us and we'll advertise. Parishes represented were St. Michaels, Good Shepherd, St. Josephs, St. Augustine, Sacred Heart, and Mother of Perpetual Help.

The search committee made a recommendation to the Bishop regarding a replacement for the Catholic Schools Superintendent.

#### Principal's Update (per e-mail):

Enrollment is at 340 currently, which is 30 students short of the current school year's enrollment. We do still have families calling and coming for visits regularly.

The "Tiger Talks" have been well-planned and executed but have not been well attended. The few parents who have attended have been very complimentary and said they enjoyed the evening.

Carol has conducted several interviews to find a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher to replace Mrs. Brewer, who will be moving to Granbury, Tx. No one candidate has stood out thus far.

**President's Update:**

Membership Discussion

1. Brian Ruby has accepted the President position on School Advisory Council.
2. Brian and Will are working on a revised Constitution.

**SAC Open Forum:**

Michael asked a question regarding the school schedule for next year. Darlene mentioned Diocesan guidelines follow state policy but can have some exceptions. August 25, 2008 will be the first day of school next school year.

**Important Dates:**

- A. Next SAC Meeting – Monday 5/19/08, 7:00 pm @ Media Center

Meeting adjourned.