



SPA Meeting Minutes November 5, 2019

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Alpa Brannam
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Ellen Miri

Rania Buzad
Lori Dewan
Tedy Kavanaugh
Kimberly Stewart*
*Not Present

Opening Prayer: Lisa Ducote

Approval of the Minutes: October 1, 2019 - Approved

Principal's Update: Dr. Enrique Garcia

- Vocations Week – activities going on all week (11/4 – 11/8). Inviting students to consider their vocation – religious or not.
- Friendsgiving – House Council is discussing how to improve event organization and communication. Currently, they are preparing for Friendsgiving (11/21) – Those bringing a warm dish must bring it in a crockpot with a disposable liner for easier cleanup. Working with Mr. Pendergrass to make sure power strips are available. Council representatives to meet with Lori Dewan to work out plan – SPA volunteers can be available to accept food; arrange buffet service when ready to eat; and manage clean-up. SPA will also provide paper goods & plastic. The House Council is looking to efficiently organize Friendsgiving and International Day with a full meal potluck but may have to consider alternatives. Will debrief after this month's Friendsgiving event and decide how to move forward with future events.
- Class breakfasts - Teachers are encouraged to join class breakfasts and hang out with students while they eat. Administration will be on hand to make sure only students from the designated class of the day get breakfast.
- The Village Houston football game is scheduled for 6pm on Saturday (11/9) in Houston. Cheerleaders and Pep Band are going, and administration is looking at the possibility of having a bus to transport interested students.
- Other Sports News – Basketball and Soccer are starting, swimming is continuing.
- Saturday (11/9) - Robotics Tournament at Savio
- Soirée is coming up in two weeks (11/16).
- Week-night open house is scheduled for 11/13. It's the first time Savio has held a week-night open house and will evaluate how it works.

President's Update: Dr. Joan Wagner - Not Present

Communications: Cristina Mares

- Getting the word out about admissions and soiree.
- Creating topical videos about student life at Savio and academics.
- Social media – keeping up with posting school events.
- Grants for tuition assistance, computer science and engineering.
- Preparing for two more parish weekends to advertise Savio.
- Dr. Garcia asks if SPA will have a table for open house. Frank Alvarez says yes.

Development: Alpa Brannam

- Fundraising is currently about halfway towards goal of \$220k.
- Thanks to the class gatherings hosts.
- Currently there are 15 sponsors for the Soiree, and planning is coming together.
- Grandparents Day (11/20) will include mass and service project with grandparents.

SPA Chair: Sarah Antenora

- Asks SPA Board and Committee heads to think about their SPA roles for next year.
- Friendsgiving – need to push out volunteer sign-ups ASAP. Need to get information into Eagle Weekly.
- Ellen Miri is working on K-cup and Christmas cash drive for teachers (see below).
- Class Basket money in SPA budget will be donated to Soiree.

Vice-Chair: Frank Alvarez

- Recap: Future Eagle Night on 11/1 - Tailgate format worked well. Will build on concept for next year.
- Upcoming: Open House on 11/13 – Holly Bologna asked parents to volunteer and slots are mostly filled. Frank Alvarez will coordinate with Holly about having SPA table at open house.
- Will forward upcoming December events for notice in Eagle Weekly (including volunteer sign-ups).

Historian: Lisa Ducote

- Discussed progress in getting event summaries on SPA webpage. Will coordinate with Cristina Mares to upload on website. Keep sending event summaries.
- Dr. Garcia requests that we coordinate with Savio Film Club (Ms. Koo is teacher advisor) to upload the club's videos of SPA events.

Committee Updates & Upcoming Events

Spirituality Committee Tedy Kavanaugh

- Update on volunteer recruitment.
- Volunteer spots covered through December.

Social Committee Lori Dewan

- Recap 2nd Principal's Coffee on 10/24 - Approximately 40 parents attended and participated in discussions with Marina Glava and Stefanie Schiesser.
- Upcoming: Friendsgiving on 11/21 (see above).
- Principal's Coffee #3 on 12/5 – House Council will present. Mr. Clem and Mrs. Ochoa plan to discuss house and family system at Savio, and its importance in the Savio community. Lori Dewan will put a save-the-date notice in Eagle Weekly. Cristina Mares has a house crest for each house.

Teacher Appreciation Ellen Miri

- Recap: Student-led Conferences (10/25) – SPA provided boxed lunches for teachers, and it all went smoothly.
- Upcoming: K-Cup and Christmas Cash Drive – Bring K-Cups into school office from 11/18 to 11/22. Ellen is promoting via Eagle Weekly notice. There is a pay online option (link) in the Eagle Weekly to make it easier for parents to donate to Christmas Drive. Ellen will coordinate with Cristina Mares about communication – plan to announce on social media as we get closer to Christmas.

Freshman Class Reps: Michelle Callas & Jessica Chaumont

- Upcoming: Getting ready for Freshman Class Breakfast #1 on 11/19.

- Fundraising Gathering: 65 RSVPs/27 maybes, but fewer attended. Went over budget a bit because they were anticipating a larger crowd – able to donate extra food to Senior Retreat. Homecoming Weekend and Monday holiday may have effected turnout.

Sophomore Class Reps: Adriana Davila & Katie Klein

Recap: Parent Fundraising Gathering went well.

Junior Class Reps: Danellie Young & Kimberly Stewart

Recap: Junior Breakfast #1 on 10/29 went well.

Senior Class Reps: Lori Mazzurana & Rania Buzad

- Recap Senior Retreat on 10/14-10/16: Parent feedback = requested more notice because many families travel (college trips) on long weekends. Need to get retreat on school calendar earlier to give families more notice. Student feedback = too much sitting, but the community was great. Two-day retreat format gave organizers the opportunity to do more and not feel rushed.
- Senior t-shirts: Sent out survey about Senior t-shirt and received negative reviews. Need to go back to drawing board on design. Dr. Garcia to meet with Lori Mazzurana and Rania Buzad. Need to start design process sooner – during spring semester of Junior year so t-shirts are available for Seniors to wear at the beginning of school year.
- Senior night at Buzad’s home – went well. Issue with a number of Evite “Maybes” makes food/drink planning difficult.

Dr. Garcia added that a SPA Rep should be included in annual school calendar and monthly calendar update meetings. These meetings take place on the last Wednesday of each month. Sarah Antenora will attend.

Next Meeting: Next SPA Board Meeting: December 3, 2019 at 8:30 in the SVdP Portables

Opening prayer: Megan DiTeresa

Closing prayer: Rania Buzad

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