

SPA Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2021

Dr Enrique Garcia	Tim Cullen	Katherine Mackowski	Gina Kerley	Sarah Antenora
Michelle Callas	Tini Nguyen	Christine Lemp	Lisa Ducote	Jennifer Leasure
Sandra Jones	Lori Dewan	Ellen Miri	Kate Meyers	Kathryn Sutton
Melissa Bendele	Julie McDonald	Angela Carrizales	Jennifer Shults	Jessica Chaumont
Adriana Davila	Teresa Shaw	Evie Cascarano	Barbi Guerra	

Opening Prayer: Dr. Garcia led us in the opening prayer.

Approval of the Minutes: Because a voting quorum was not present the minutes for the December 7th meeting were tabled until next month.

Principal's Update: AM check-in on this first day back went well. Some kids and faculty were staying home for this week. Other staff have stepped in to cover classes. He thought there had been good communication about this first day back to students and parents. There will be a mask mandate in place for the school day and all school events for the next two weeks. We are in second half of winter season sports and spring sports are moving into pre-season. Update given on graduation and graduation party. Three transfer students start today with another one or two starting this week. The faculty in-service yesterday went well. Reminder was given that Spring semester will go quickly for Seniors. College acceptance letters are also starting to come in for Seniors.

President's Update: Mr. Tim Cullen echoed Dr. Enrique Garcia's comments about the Spring semester going quickly for Seniors. A survey went out around Thanksgiving, but it did not create user-friendly data. Dana Kelemen is currently working on putting the information (ratings and comments) into a form to be shared with school community. The school is also looking to fill two positions: a new assistant for Dr. Garcia and a teaching position. They are looking for the right person for both jobs and urged the Board to encourage possible candidates to apply. Mr. Cullen also expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the SPA board at supporting the school staff.

Communications: Katherine Mackowski reported that the Alumni Cookies and Cocoa event had gone well and reported no RSVPs for Mass on Wednesday, January 5th, but she anticipated that some alumni would attend anyway. She also requested assistance in taking and sending her pictures from Imago Christi day when it happens later this month, on Feb 3rd.

Development: Gina Kerley said she had seen a lot of year-end giving for Build the Nest. She has the Soiree packages ready to go for anyone with connections to wineries, distilleries, or restaurants. This information will be available from her and on the website.

Evie Cascarano stated she is catching up on entering the end of year contributions received over the break and preparing tax receipts for all our donors to go out by the end of the month.

Gina Kerley will also recirculate the themes for Class Baskets for Soiree. Melissa Bendele asked about the representative's duties related to baskets. Representative duties are to reach out to parents to request donations, build the Amazon Wish List, collect the donations. Donations from the Wish List can be sent directly to Savio. Reps can either put the baskets together or work with Gina on setting up the donations in a display at the Soiree.

***SPA Co-Chairs:** Sarah Antenora / Michelle Callas

Reviewed the upcoming events. The Experience Savio Breakfast on Thursday still needs a few volunteers. Principal Coffee #4 is coming up. The Junior Breakfast is next week. There is a holiday on January 17th. And Senior Grad night has been worked out.

***Vice-Chair:** Tini Nguyen: no report.

***Treasurer:** Christine Lemp: no report.

***Historian:** Lisa Ducote: no report

***Secretary:** Jennifer Leasure: no report

Committee Updates & Upcoming Events

Spirituality Committee Sandra Jones: no report

Social Committee Lori Dewan: Principal's Coffee went well. Mr. Gamboa was the featured speaker and she felt the parents who attended had gotten to know him better and what he does with the students. The next Principal's Coffee will feature Mrs. McLoughlin the new guidance counselor and the Christian Outreach group. Sarah Antenora suggested that while Mr. Gamboa had done an excellent job at the last principal's coffee there had not been any mention of TIM Team and that perhaps they could be featured at a future coffee. Principal's Coffee #5 near the end of February will have Mr. Goertz and the House Council, and the Senior Highlights would be featured at Principal's Coffee #6 which would also be a good day to highlight the TIM Team. Dr. Garcia commented that the online makeup for the Principal's Coffee went well and had good attendance from parents.

Teacher Appreciation Ellen Miri: There was a good push at the end for the cash drive and Amazon Gift Cards had been given to school staff. There will be additional money available for staff at the end of the year. Breakfast for the staff yesterday went well. She requested to move Birthday treats for staff from January 20th to the 13th and asked given the open position who should be her point of contact for that change since Carmen Garza had retired. Dr. Garcia will be the point of contact for scheduling changes for now. Dr. Garcia also added that the new staff person will be handling scheduling of rooms at the school for meetings and events. Ellen also asked if the upcoming soup lunch for staff should again be individual containers of Soup due to COVID or whether we would return to requesting parents bring in crockpots of soup. Dr. Garcia agreed that having parents bring in crocks of soup would be fine this year.

Volunteer Coordinator Kate Meyers: no report

Supplies Coordinator Kathryn Sutton will make sure soup bowls are added to the supplies for the soup lunch.

***Freshman Class Reps** Melissa Bendele + Julie McDonald: Freshman breakfast is coming up again soon on February 8th.

***Sophomore Class Reps** Angela Carrizales + Jennifer Shults: no report. Michelle Callas reminded that the Sophomore Breakfast was moved to April 21st to avoid conflict with Lent.

***Junior Class Reps** Michelle Callas + Jessica Chaumont: Junior breakfast will take place on Jan 13th. They are working with Mr. Gamboa on the upcoming Junior Retreat.

***Senior Class Reps** Adriana Davila + Teresa Shaw: The overpayment issue has been resolved. They are working out charges for students.

Rosary Group: The group will provide parent volunteers for Imago Christi day.

Next Meeting: Next SPA Board Meeting: Savio Library, Tuesday, Feb 1st at 8:30am

Opening prayer: Melissa Bendele

Closing prayer: Kathryn Sutton

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