

# **SPA Meeting Minutes September 5, 2017**

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Ms. Alpa Brannam
Sandra Jones
Cindy Perez
Marcela Wilhite

Ms. Cristina Almanza Rania Buzad Jennifer Leasure Jayne Saucedo Danellie Young Sarah Antenora Mr. Morgan Daniels Lori Mazzurana Kim Stewart Theresa Zepeda

Gina Barone Crystal Dietrich Ellen Miri Dr. Joan Wagner Constance Brown Megan DiTeresa Lara Morgan Shanna Walsh

**Opening Prayer**: Megan DiTeresa

**Approval of the Minutes**: May 9, 2017

Gina Barone motioned to approve minutes, Shanna Walsh seconded the motion. The motion passed. As per the by-laws, Jennifer will forward the minutes to Liz Hallberg to post on Savio website.

## **Principal's Update:** Mr. Morgan Daniels

Total of 392 students with 20 international students coming from Korea, China, Vietnam, and Brazil. Breakdown by class: 9<sup>th</sup>: 111, 10<sup>th</sup>: 108, 11<sup>th</sup>: 91, 12<sup>th</sup>: 82. Awaiting to hear if we will host any evacuees from the Houston/Beaumont area. If so, may need SPA support for the families. Asking student leaders for any ideas on how to help.

Made improvements to the House system: groups of 30 but occasionally will meet in larger groups. Goal of trying to give leadership opportunities to the students. NHS will start a pilot mentoring program this year to offer tutoring to students. 2 College Fairs this year: Sept 26<sup>th</sup> at 1pm with 50 colleges present. Requested help for parent volunteers to help host lunch at 12 for the school representatives. Mr Daniel's requested a point person for this.

2<sup>nd</sup> Fair will be Nov 1<sup>st</sup> with all Catholic Colleges. Athletic Directors are planning to host an evening discussion for parents with students interested in playing sports in college.

#### President's Update: Dr. Joan Wagner

The new website is up and working, but not completely updated yet. Should be complete in 6 weeks. Should be user friendly for opening with phones. They have purchased 3 new buses to replace the older blue ones: 1- 42 passenger bus and 2- 28 passenger buses. These were purchased with both Soiree Funds and budget money. Plan to build a fence in the back to store the new buses. The older blue buses will be salvaged or donated. Building update: plan to complete the Holy Family building this year and then begin the building plan for the new Savio project. With the new Sports complex, will need to assess things like: where a full football field would fit, parking lot space, etc. Will cost about 30,000 for the building plan and about 3 million for the project, stated they still need to raise this money.

#### Communications: Ms. Cristina Almanza

New website up and running, still need to update a few sections. Suggested adding a link for volunteer page. Marketing beginning for open house in Nov.

# **Development:** Ms. Alpa Brannam

Class socials are beginning to be set up with Class reps. 9<sup>th</sup> grade is Oct 14<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade is Sept 24<sup>th</sup>.

# SPA Chair: Megan DiTeresa

Reviewed the many events before school started. All went well and were successful. Thanks to the class reps. Asked the Class Reps to please e-mail the parents in your class to introduce yourself and give list of SPA events (breakfasts, retreats, upcoming Coffees with the Principal).

<u>Vice-Chair</u>: Terri Allman - FB Page for Uniform/Book Exchange Not present.

<u>Treasurer</u>: Cindy Perez

Financials distributed and asked if any questions. No questions. Crystal thanked her for the quick turn around on reimbursements.

**Historian:** Gina Barone

Name tags for the board made. Asked for event chairs to please complete a SPA event summary with info about what worked, who catered, etc. after each event. It may either be submitted to her by email or physical copy.

## **Committee Updates & Upcoming Events**

**Supply Coordinator** Crystal Dietrich: The supply cabinet is fully stocked.

Social Committee Rania Buzad & Lori Mazzurana –

Reviewed New Student Orientation and 1st Day of School Treat. Suggested rethinking the type of treat because not many ate cupcakes. One suggestion given was trail mix. Discussed upcoming events: 1st Coffee with the Principal 9/21 and International Food Fest 9/29. Requested volunteers to collect food from students and make sure labelled. Suggested 2 tables inside and 1 for outside. Mrs. Pojman is the point person. Discussed process for events: if requires many tables please contact Director of Facilities to set up; if only requires 2 tables, Mr Daniel's request you ask a student for help and use the ones in the office area or commons.

**Spirituality Committee** Marcela Wilhite: Have 10 people who have volunteered already. Reminded all of the new day for holy hour on Fridays and will advertise more.

**Teacher Appreciation** Ellen Miri: Reviewed "Return to School" Lunch for Staff, went well but concerned others may have eaten food. We are missing 2 drink dispensers. Asked everyone if they borrowed them to please return. Will continue to look and ask around before replacing. Crystal will purchase 2 dispensers now to replace the 2 older ones which are not in good condition. Should have a total of 4.

**Volunteer Committee** Sarah Antenora: Requested all to please send her info for the sign up genius. Jennifer asked if any info was submitted to her from Junior rep regarding Junior retreat. Discussed and decided since the junior retreat is a street retreat no need for a sign up genius.

Freshman Class Reps Danellie Young & Kimberly Stewart

Reviewed Freshman Retreat, went well and the food was great from Ginos.

Sophomore Class Reps Sandra Jones & Shanna Walsh

Upcoming event: Class breakfast 9/12. Asked for advice about how to set up in commons area.

Junior Class Rep Lara Morgan: Upcoming event: Junior Retreat #1 9/13 - 9/14

Senior Clas Rep Jayne Saucedo: Upcoming event: Class breakfast 10/10

**Next Meeting**: October 3. 2017 in SVdP Portable at 8:30

Opening Prayer: Sandra Jones Closing Prayer: Lori Mazzurana

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