

**Parent – Teacher Council
Meeting Notes 4/12/16
St. Monica Catholic Elementary School**

Attendees:

Thom Gasper- Schools President
Barbara Corrigan- PTC President
Anna Korte- Co-Vice President/Fundraising
Diane Gasper- Christian Service
Daniel Austin- Treasurer
Laura Heimer- Enrichment
Nina Knierim- Secretary
Maureen Tomlin- Christian Service
Az Hawkins- Public Relations
Neil Quinly- Principal
Carrie Boutros- Guest
Frank Cruz- Athletic Director

Welcome and Opening Prayer

**Thom Gasper
President Update**

North Campus update: The beginning of the construction and tear down has been going well. We have raised \$4m, but still have \$1.7m to raise to complete the whole project. Thus, the courtyard space between Trepp and Spirituality Center are on hold. We received some good news from a Foundation over the weekend. Showed a graphic (from last September's Back to School Night) to the PTC board that included the capital campaign and combined the wine tasting and the annual fund (sponsorships) together to highlight how much of both is allocated. The discovery period (for example after tearing down particular walls or discovering plumbing/electrical challenges that need work-arounds) has been interesting that has led to some redesign but it is still going very well. Frank Cruz: Stated that just seeing the great spaces that are opening up (especially in the female gym and workout areas) because of the reconstruction under the gym is really exciting and would love for everyone to understand just how much more useable space there will be.

**Neil Quinly
Principal Update**

Middle School update: Tammy and he have been working on creating 2 different sections/classes and plotting Teachers and matching them up along with the subjects to see how it parallels with the elementary school as a whole. They have also been looking at electives like arts and music programs. On enrollment, Anna Korte has been doing a tremendous job on the admissions and enrollment program for the middle school—we currently have 304 students enrolled and another 36 applications in process (possible increase in applications) with a total of 330-340

total enrolled. We have 30-40 (6th grade students) that have are paid registrations and 36-41 (7th grade students) that have paid registrations, 8th has remained stagnant.

Ms. Nuzz, Mrs. Soriano and Dr. Quinly make up the WCEA team. They are looking at Middle school class sizes, further integration of technology into the classroom and how to improve the academic rigor of the school. The whole WCEA process includes 12 factors that they have to complete, currently, the team has completed 6 of the factors and everyone has given their time and energy to provide their input, then create a draft, re-read it, edit it and send it to the archdiocese-- before it is sent back to the St. Monica team one more time to create another draft for a final round.

Anna Korte
Co-Vice President/Fundraising

SMASH update:

Last Sunday the SMASH gift gathering party was at Angelo's home in Brentwood but it was poorly attended by the St. Monica parents and the PTC Board members. Please make note of ways for the PTC Board to help out on the night of SMASH: "raise the paddle", "silent auction", "ticket sales" and "raffle sales". Procurement is always ongoing. Follow the SMASH link and there is a Volunteer sign-up.

The other ongoing fundraising program is the Annual Fund. It is used directly from our budget to hire teachers, improve facilities, supplies, etc. There was a discussion regarding how to display the participation of the school around how many of the families have given into the annual campaign. There was also discussion of how to possibly show 100% participation for each grade/class.

Barbara Corrigan
PTC President

Screenagers Update:

The cost for the screening is \$500, there is a suggestion that we could open it up to the parishioners as well to help spread out the cost.

PTC Elections:

PTC nomination forms went home in students' folders today, the nominations are due Tuesday the 19th. The Nominees will start to be contacted on 4/22. A suggestion was given that updates needed to be made to some of the position descriptions. Barbara Corrigan took note and agreed that is the case and would be making the appropriate updates to the descriptions with help from the current position holders.

Az Hawkins
Public Relations

Mother-Son Event:

The event will be held on Saturday May 14th. It will be Beach-themed, and we will use space in the auditorium to play movies, have dinner, dessert and popcorn, and

integrate games. The start time will be around 5:30pm and ticket sales are going to be about \$15. Frank Cruz suggested that we could also use the gymnasium to play sports as well. Az was going to follow up with Coach to iron out the details and access to the gym for that evening.

Diane Gasper and Maureen Tomlin
Christian Service

Christian Service Update: They were discussing how to tie Christian service to a theme within each grade/class to make it more interactive and met with Ms. Soriano to see what types of themes would be appropriate and came up with 15-20 ideas. Some of the teachers already have Christian service programs or curriculum that they have in place so for those classes they do not have to participate. Diane and Maureen are going to continue to narrow down the group of ideas to a few to bring back to the group/teachers.

Anna Korte:

Introduced the idea that Monthly Faculty Lunches provided to the teachers once a month would be a great gesture to show our gratitude to our teachers at St. Monica's.

Staff Update:

Letters of Intent from staff and teachers were due, offers and contracts will be sent out in the second week of May. Any changes to staff will be announced in the parent newsletter.

New Business: There was discussion about the rodent problem in the elementary school building and steps being taken to eradicate it.