

MINUTES

Saint Martin of Tours Academy (SMA) Parent Group Meeting (via Zoom)

May 2, 2022

3:00 p.m.

Start: 3:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 4:00 p.m.

Present: Jeni Bartel, Colm Driscoll, Tracy Giordano, Shannon Knuth, Chrissy Poole, Teresa Propper, Christy Samarkos, Rosario Santoyo, Jamie Stradling, Genevieve Suzuki, Principal Jennifer Miller, Nan Soto

Absent: Alicia Crockett, Shannon Knuth, Cory McMahon, Dana Rager, Katie Scheie

I. WELCOME – CALL TO ORDER

II. PRAYER (JENNIFER MILLER)

III. MISSION STATEMENT (TRACY GIORDANO)

St. Martin of Tours Academy fosters confidence, curiosity, and independence through a climate of cooperation and trust by preserving dignity throughout the learning process, accentuating all children's God-given gifts in a Catholic environment.

IV. WELCOME – CALL TO ORDER

V. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (JENNIFER)

A. Green Ribbon Award: We are the only individual school in California that won the award. Jennifer will be going to Washington DC in summer to accept this award.

B. Enrollment: We know in August when our enrollment will be. Jennifer wants to move that deadline up. We have 176 students who are ready to go. We have eight who are just missing paperwork. Preschool is pretty full.

C. New teacher hires: The new kindergarten teacher is Ms. Newman, who has been working as a Catholic school teacher for 20 years. The new learning support director and advanced math teacher will be Ms. Sarah Hickman, who has a BA in psychology and MA in counseling. She is a fellow at USD and is pursuing a credential in math.

D. Summer Projects: We raised enough money to get a shade structure for the field. It is going to cost \$6,000 to \$8,000. The shade would go over the playground structure. Jennifer wants it installed in summer. The purchase, the style and the volunteers to do it. Colm

E. Carpet: Three more classrooms are in rotation for carpet replacement. It makes more sense for 7th grade to have epoxy down since there are science labs.

F. Huge wish list item: The fountain up here that you can fill your water bottle, one downstairs for the younger children to use. We need to figure out how much it will cost. Christy will look into it.

G. Fundraising: Walkathon was for shade and turf. We need to amp up our fundraising. The field will be \$150,000.

H. End of the year and next year's schedule: Volunteer appreciation event in the Garden will be May 24 at 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.

I. Next year's schedule: The Diocese allocated four Wednesdays when at 2:15 p.m. all teachers will be doing professional development together. We are going to be doing Friday minimum days at noon. We still have conference days. Kindergarten is 22,000 minutes over. The average week is 1,725 minutes. Grades 1 to 8 is 4,000 minutes over. Next year we would be out of school on June 2, 2023.

J. Pizza Thursdays: Julie Horton is willing to run pizza Thursday.

K. Bake sales: Bake sales will return next year.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Tracy)

A. Room Parent Updates (Tracy for Shannon)

The Father-Daughter Dance went well. The Grandparents Day program is this Friday. Mother-Son Bowling Day is Sunday, May 22, 2022.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS (Tracy)

A. Elections: The elections were held last week. New executive officers are Genevieve Suzuki (president), Rosario Santoyo (vice president), Colm Driscoll (treasurer), and Erin McCarthy (secretary). Jamie Stradling agreed to take over as Room Parent Coordinator. Tracy suggested Jamie delegate events throughout the year to the room parents.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fall Carnival: Tracy and Jennifer brought up the idea of holding a Fall Carnival. Chrissy agreed to co-chair it with Dana, if Dana is willing to take it on.

B. New Meeting Times: Next year's parent group meetings will be the first Monday of every month at 4 p.m.

X. GENERAL DISCUSSION

A. The group discussed ideas to establish a gas fund for teachers.

B. Jennifer announced we will be launching a new website.

C. The Parent Group voted and unanimously agreed to change the group name to Parent-Teacher Group.

X. ADJOURNMENT