

**School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting Minutes**  
**October 23, 2024, 7:45 AM**  
**Location: Teacher's Lounge (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Near Music Room)**

**Members Present:**

- Stephen Turk
- Molly Van Dusen
- Erin Dawkins
- Chris Chervenak
- Lauren Bukowski
- Rhiannon LaForest
- Angela Morgan
- Christy Samona

- Meeting called to order at 7:48AM

- **Opening Prayer**

- **Principal Report**

- Mr. Turk is preparing an e-mail regarding Parent Etiquette for Conferences.
- The school is continuing to work through disciplinary issues, particularly with the younger students.
- Clubs are up and running. The school is excited for the upcoming Robotics Competition.
  - Mr. Turk will see if the Robotics Team is interested in pursuing a corporate sponsorship – currently GAP only contributes to the team. Rhiannon LaForest requested the team put together a letter and submit to her to share with her employer. Encouraging it to be sent to other parents as well to be submitted to their employers.
- Mrs. Van Dusen continues to be a big help around the school!

- **Review of Parent Comments from September Meeting**

- Allergy Policy and Protocol
  - Mrs. Van Dusen asked for input from all classes regarding their policies, and information was compiled in a Google Document. Information will be shared with the School Community and will be posted on the School Website for future reference.
- Sign Up Process for Clubs and Sports
  - Discussion is ongoing.
  - Used a Lottery System for Cooking Club, and it seemed to work well.
- Alternatives to Scholastic Book Club
  - The Fall Book Fair (Scholastic) was already booked at the time this concern was presented, however a new option is being considered for the Spring. More details to follow on the roll out of this new book

club (will offer material that is in alignment with GA's teachings and beliefs).

- Responding to a Student's Mental Distress
  - The administration is continuing to review the school's handbook and updating as new issues arise.
  - Will look into hosting an informational session with the Parish to provide resources for parents.
- **Review of SAC Bi-Laws**
  - Erin Dawkins prepared a draft of the Bi-Laws with guidance from the AOD.
  - The group read through and provided comments. Sections reviewed:
    - Section 1: Name of Organization
    - Section 2: Purposes and Functions
    - Section 3: Relationship With Other Groups
    - Section 4: Membership
  - Erin Dawkins will edit Sections 1-4 with the comments recorded.
  - The group will continue reviewing the remainder of the document at the next meeting.
- **Discussion of Parent Concerns**
  - Significant Increase in Cost for School Sports – What is the reasoning for this?
    - The costs are driven by CYO and not a school decision. It was requested that GA Athletic Director provide some explanation so families understand -if possible.
- **Open Forum**
  - Pros and Cons of Freckle vs. IXL for homework.
    - There are a lot of varying opinions of homework platforms and the school continues to collect comments.
- **Next Meeting:**
  - Wednesday November 20, 2024 at 7:45 AM
- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 AM

**Minutes respectfully Prepared by Lauren Bukowski, SAC Secretary**