

SAC Meeting

November 10, 2009

Meeting called to order – Charles Whatley

Opening Prayer – Joe McBride

Introduction & Welcome – Charles Whatley

No minutes to be read as 1st Qtr. Meeting cancelled due to lack of items.

Items brought for discussion:

1) Recycling of Juice Pouches – Chris Bosch

Teracycle (recycling company) recycles juice pouches (as well as other items such as chip bags) for fundraising. They payout twice a year, and pay postage to have pouches, etc. mailed back to them. They will accept any brand of juice pouches and pay \$.02 per pouch, however they have a limit of 30,000 organizations signed up and they have just met that limit. Each product they recycle has a limit. Chris Bosch will keep checking back with them to see if the limit has been raised.

2) School Directory being printed only for coordinators and committee members-Tom Kohler

Tom Kohler proposed the above mentioned to save money for the PTO, however this year ads were sold inside the back cover which paid for the cost of the directory.

3) SMS grading system compared to other middle/high school and implementation-Tom Kohler

Proposed that our grading system be more in line with high schools and colleges. “Are we disadvantaging our students by demanding 94-100 for an A grade?” Mr. Kohler wanted to draw attention to this issue and ask the committee to recognize the discussion going on currently in our country about this issue. Mr. Kohler realizes this is a Diocesan issue not a school issue.

Mr. Darr reassured the committee that we are in conformity with the diocese. Rick Cundey explained that Aquinas is changing their grading system to conform with the Hope Scholarship, so that B grades in Honors classes would carry more weight than an A grade in a regular class.

4) Presentation of academic accomplishments during school year – Tom Kohler

Mr. Kohler expressed his disappointment in the lack of attention drawn to academic accomplishments specifically Duke TIP. Mr. Kohler conveyed his opinion to be that these types of accolades should be in front of students’ peers, to promote motivation. Mr. Kohler feels these should be brought to brighter light.

Mr. Darr – expressed St. Mary’s commitment to getting the word out for academic accomplishments.

Close of meeting – Charles Whatley

Closing prayer – Joe McBride

Next SAC meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2010

Respectfully Submitted
Catherine Bedenbaugh