

St. Alphonsus Home and School Association

Parent Meeting

September 17, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

St. Francis Room

Attendees:

Parish Priest-Father Mike Moroney

School Principal-Mrs. Cindy Ryals

School Board Member-Eric Burns

School Board Member-Sandra Fenn

Home and School Executive Committee:

President –Marcy Stevens

Past President-Mandy Firmin

Vice-president-Lisa Falcon

Secretary-Tammy Fouts

Treasurer-Shawn Dietrich

Welcome – Marcy Stevens

Opening Prayer-Father Michael Moroney

Father Mike invited parents to attend our school mass on Thursday mornings.

A. INTRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL-Marcy Stevens

Mrs. Cynthia Ryals thanked everyone for her overwhelming warm welcome and for coming to our first H&S meeting of the new school year.

She introduced the teachers that were present at the meeting.

She went over the accreditation process that St. Alphonsus will be doing over the next few years.

The accreditation process will be done by January of 2011. Mrs. Tanya Graves and Mrs. Jennifer Viator will be heading up the overall team committees.

Standards for Accreditation (past)**Diocesan Evaluation Process (present)**

1. Vision and Purpose	Philosophy
2. Governance & Leadership	School & Community School Staff & Administration
3. Teaching and Learning	Individual Subject Areas, Designs for Learning
4. Documenting & using Results	School & Community
5. Resources & Support Systems	Learning Media/Tech, Pupil Services, School Plant & Facilities
6. Stakeholder Communications & Relationships	School & Community
7. Commitment to Continuous Improvement	School & Community, Design for Learning

Steps to District Accreditation**Applicant**

- . Submit letters
- . Complete Self-Assessment
- . Host a Readiness Visit

Candidate

- . Prepare For the Visit (Aug. 2009- Jan. 2011)
- . Host The Visit (Feb. or Mar. 2011)

Accredited

- . Act on Findings
- . Report on Progress

St. Alphonsus Accreditation

1. Set Goals
2. Parent Survey
3. Form Committees
4. Prepare the Report
5. Host the Team (?) we may not have to do this.
6. Accreditation
7. Progress Report

B. INTRODUCTION OF SCHOOL BOARD -Marcy Stevens

She introduced Eric Burns and Sandra Fenn who are on the playground committee. Leslie Browning could not be here for the meeting. Eric mentioned that Liz Carlos was very instrumental in the process of the new playground. The new playground will cost about \$16,800-\$16,900 they are over budget since they only had about \$16,000 to work with.

Planet Recess will be the installer of the new playground which should be in place by Thursday, September 24, 2009. The playground will be located next to the far side of the Family Center; we will be losing about 5 parking spaces located next to the Family Center. The playground will be 30x30 in size. The possibilities for an expansion are more modules to be attached, basketball goals, hopscotch, and a map of the United States, jump ropes and balls. The colors of the equipment are hunter green, taupe, with rust poles for a more natural look. Wood Chips will be the ground covering which will need to be refreshed every 2-3 years. The playground will be enclosed with iron fencing donated by Liz Carlos. The surrounding area will have a chain link fence (donated by St. Alphonsus Church) in place. There is enough room for expansion of the playground. The playground is earmarked now for PreK-3rd grade. Signs will be posted alerting children not to play on the playground without authorization.

I. OLD BUSINESS

Marcy Stevens listed accomplishments, thus far, of The Home and School Association:

1. Our home and school webpage address will be updated. On the webpage will be a link for the child protection class. Our home and school address is homeandschool@stalphonsusbr.org.
2. Please note our section in the Kaleidoscope Connection weekly, new items are posted weekly.
3. Home and School put up the new wall signs for the new teachers.
4. Hospitality and Treats are now formal committees. The hospitality committee is in charge of birthdays for teacher. Once a month a sweet will be placed in the teacher's lounge to celebrate the monthly birthdays. The Treats committee will give something sweet to the kids a few times throughout the year.

II. NEW BUSINESS

Lisa Falcon went over some of the new guidelines for parties and fieldtrips.

1. All grades will now be able to have parties.
2. Parents must be fingerprinted and have a background check to attend field trips if you have any questions about this please contact Julie Gautreaux in the school office.
3. H&S will be having a Penguin Patch Christmas store for (PreK-5th grade)
4. Library helpers for Mrs. Bordelon will be contacted
5. H&S will now be doing a complementary school directory
6. We will be having a little different H&S meeting in January it will be a school wide Art Show and our April meeting will be a Family Science Night.

C. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE –(Marcy Stevens)

President-Marcy Stevens
Past President-Mandy Firmin
Vice-President-Lisa Falcon
Secretary-Tammy Fouts
Treasurer-Shawn Dietrich
School Board Liaison- Liz Carlos

III. TREASURER'S REPORT – (Shawn Dietrich)

Shawn Dietrich apologized for not having a copy of the treasurer's report to hand out do to printing difficulties. A report will be posted on our H&S website.

1. If parents have any suggestions on something that they would like to be earmarked for improvement please send H & S an email.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. The winner of our raffle for bringing in an item such as a Box Top, Campbell Soup label, etc. was Jennine Newsom. She won a \$20.00 gift certificate donated by Bon Bon Bakery.
- B. Mrs. Ryals mentioned she had a few copies of the accreditation process.
- C. It was brought up about the chain in the parking lot not being taken down by 2:30. Mrs. Ryals will be working on that.