



# St. Augustine School

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## **Minutes of October 24, 2011 HSA Meeting**

**Attendees:** Mrs. Murphy, Fr. Bill, Justine Favre, Angela Rizzo, Anna DePinho, Theresa Fiore, Naomi Robert, Renee Small, Diane Haltner, Raymond Riddle, Beth Rooney, Mr. DeCarlo, Carla Jasinski, Deidre DeGaetano, Donna Solages, Janette Busetto

**Hours:** 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 PM.

### **Principal's Report (Mrs. Murphy):**

- 10/28 – Fall Carnival
  - o WHUD 100.7 FM will be here to record students reciting the Pledge of Allegiance
  - o We will be taking part in the Archdiocesan IRIS Instant Alert test
- 11/1 – Winter Uniform
- 11/3 – Confirmation for our 9<sup>th</sup> graders
- During November, we will be helping to stock a local food pantry through Catholic Community Services
- 11/16 – Report Cards issued
  - o Half Day for students
  - o Parent-Teacher Conferences

### **Treasury Report (Anna DePinho and Carla Jasinski):**

- Updates of Fiscal Report for October
  - o Expenses and income
  - o Not a large amount in reserve, need large fundraiser

### **RCCSPA (Donna Solages):**

- “Rockland County Catholic Schools Parent Association”
  - o Mission is to unite all Catholic schools together through student events and parental awareness in regards to Legislation
  - o Our state-wide representative is Ray Calterer
  - o Our new representative is Ray Vitiello who is taking over for Henry Fortier
  - o Planning a letter writing campaign for February to put pressure on elected officials for next year into 2013 which is an election year
  - o Pushing for tax credits and reimbursement of the MTA tax (which public schools have received)

### **Pathways to Excellence (Father Bill):**

- Archdiocesan Plan. 1<sup>st</sup> step was to close 27 (ailing) schools. 2<sup>nd</sup> step is to establish 10 Regions. Rockland County, composed of 7 schools, will be a Pilot Region. Other Pilot Regions include Staten Island and NW Bronx. They will establish a Board of Trustees to oversee the 7 schools by January 2012. The Board of Trustees will consist of 15-29 Pastor and laity members. The pilot Boards and subcommittees will be up and running in September 2012. The 7 other, out of 10, Regions will be up and running in September 2013.
  - o ALL parishes, not just those with schools, will take control over the governance of schools – centralizing budgets, tuition, maintenance, fundraising, collection and payment of bills. There will be NO mergers and NO closings

### **Fundraising and Community Relations (Beth Rooney):**

- Due to lack of volunteer support the Women’s EXPO (Tricky Tray/Chinese Auction) will NOT be held this year
- Gold Party 1/7/12 – Vinia Jeudy
  - o We will provide venue for people to turn in unwanted gold, silver, platinum, coins, and dentures
  - o We will receive a percentage of overall nights’ take
  - o Open to parishoners and the community at large
  - o Company will produce all advertising and fliers
- Other options for fundraising:
  - o Calendar Raffle
    - Daphnee Momperousse looking into options
  - o Kid Stuff Entertainment Coupon Book
    - Cost would be \$25 per book
    - St. Augustine would receive \$12.50 for each book sold
  - o Taste of New City
    - Neighboring Warwick had local delis and restaurants participate and come together
  - o Casino Night
    - Archdiocese does not allow to be held on school property
    - Could be held offsite at Casa Mia Manor House, Cruise on Hudson, Knights of Columbus Hall
    - People would purchase chips, play games with chips and redeem for Raffle Tickets for baskets
    - Company would come and set up evening
  - o Couples Night Out
    - Dinner Dance
    - Masquerade
    - Possibly provide free babysitting
  - o Comedy Night
    - Couples
    - “Clean” comedian
    - Dinner
    - Raffle baskets, 50/50
    - Possibly provide free babysitting
  - o Kids’ Fashion Show
    - Need to find a store willing to participate

### **Student Events:**

- Carnival 10/28 – Janette Busetto
  - o Set up 10/27
  - o Pre-sale of tickets will be 10/26 and 10/27
  - o Volunteers have been contacted
  - o ALL need to be Safer Spaces trained
- Class/Group pictures 11/2 – Angela Rizzo
  - o Send students in with all pertinent uniforms
  - o Individual retakes 1/4/12
- 5-8 grade Dance 11/17 – Angela Rizzo
  - o 5<sup>th</sup> and 8th grade running the dance
  - o Fliers and permission slips have been e-mailed
  - o DJ George Ballane has been confirmed
- Thanksgiving Feast 11/22 – Angela Rizzo
  - o Class parents were notified as to what each grade needs to make/bring

### **Upcoming Events:**

- 1/14/12 Father Daughter Snowball
  - o Several old and new parents have expressed an interest in taking on this event.
- 1/28/12 Movie Night
  - o Overwhelmingly popular
  - o Will move Catholic Schools Week Mass to Saturday at 5:00 PM
  - o Will hold Movie Night immediately following in Zoeller Center with movie and pizza
- 2/2/12 Family Night Bingo
  - o Icy Rowe and Noelle Molloy have stepped up to run this annual event
- 5/14 Field Day (Rain Date 5/21) – Angela Rizzo has stepped up to run this annual event
  - o Will send a Survey Monkey to see preference of holding Field Day at school which is cost effective OR if parents willing to spend money per child to cover busing and lunch

**NEXT HSA MEETING ON 11/28 AT 7:30 PM**

**Meeting Adjourned – 9:00 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Justine Favre  
Recording Secretary**