

St. Thomas Aquinas School

School Council Meeting September 26, Minutes

STA School Council Meeting September 26, 2023.

21 in attendance

Meeting Start 18:10

Introductions

Old Business

Meeting Minutes from previous meeting reviewed, 2nd, approved

Voting for positions on board

Review what a school council is

All positions had no opposition, one candidate only

Chair - Ashley L. confirmed

Co-Chair - Adam B. confirmed

Secretary - Rachael confirmed

Treasurer - Christable confirmed

Members at large - Vikki, Jema, Tiana confirmed

New Business

WhatsApp group, give number to be added to the School Council group chat

Sports sub committee - Rent space, go through school board.

School will communicate better for sports - soccer tryouts

New sports team teacher hired, 15 year coach from other school.

Principal Report

1200+ Students

5 classes of every grade in Elementary

4 of every class in Jr High

School ensuring adequate support, hired a new teacher, added a new 6 grade class

Chappal will be a class until the portable is ready

95 staff at STA

Still facing shortage of EAs , not enough in the city

Bus troubles - last year 45 routes without a driver, this year down to 27 routes without. Division is reviewing routes and sharing routes with EPSD. Transportation has adjusted the criteria for bus driver training and more money for drivers.

*** Talk to transportation if there are bus problems ***

Q-Can we create another bus company or car pool?

A- Busing is not part of the school's responsibility, creating a bus or carpool is possible the school will not be able to be involved.

*** Contact City Councillor Jennifer Rice if problems with bussing, traffic etc. ***

Q - If bus is late and parents have to drive, is there a reimbursement?

A - Bussing is separate from school, need to contact transportation

Slide show presentation of teacher team building before school year started. Discussions and tactics reviewed such as welcoming new teachers, school opening, learning outcomes, team building company (MGI) hired and tasks for deeper teamwork.

Updated School Website

Christine - lead on School website

Contents:

- School Info, Introduces school agenda, policy and admin team.

-Parent handbook

- Dashboard

- Parking

- Supplies Chromebook \$395 + 3 year warranty

- Student Life - School Council and Fundraising

- Calendar Events

- Hot Lunches
- Facebook page link
- Spirit wear, school gets a kick back (funds) and delivered to your house

Spread the word, want to grow as a main hub

Q - beginning of the year the information seemed to come out very late? Powerschool keeps crashing?

A - Power school failed that day, school is listening and will work to make it better, more info sooner

Q - Chromebooks are they end of life?

A - Yes, elementary are sharing heavily

19:33 - Meeting Adjourned