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# ST. RAPHAEL SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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## MEETING MINUTES

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November 7, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

*Attendees: Ann Miller, Roger Andrachik, Scott Arndt, Pat Burke, Ann Marie Donley, Katie Gerba, Teresa Hardy, Debbie Kamola, Lisa Karnatz, Stephanie Lavelle, Jim Mark, Paula Ritzler, Megan Sumser, Terri Telepak, Adrienne Viola*

### **1. School Report:**

- ❖ Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place this week and next.
- ❖ Report Cards went home on Friday.
- ❖ Registration Packet given to Lisa for suggestions. Kindergarten cut-off date changed to August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ Mrs. Miller recommended the “Race to Nowhere” video. It is about kids today and the stress and anxiety they experience over school.

### **2. Home & School Upcoming Events:**

- ❖ Shopping Gala – November 29<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ New car magnets will be sold for \$5 at the Shopping Gala. New car stickers will be distributed by the school.
- ❖ There will not be a school calendar sold this year. It is a possibility in the future.

### **3. This Month’s Topics:**

- ❖ CharityMania / HoopsMania – three sets of 1,440 tickets have been ordered. A lot of time was spent brainstorming implementation ideas to make this a successful fundraiser!
- ❖ End of Quarter Survey – Will distribute a 5 question survey to parents regarding technology/communication. Discussed the idea of a school Facebook page, as long as it could block posts.

### **4. Parent Input:**

- ❖ A parent asked a committee member if The McKeon Group (who is working with students in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades on kindness) and Victoria Todd (who spoke to parents on “Parenting in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” on October 25<sup>th</sup>) were Catholic. They are Catholic and Ms. Todd is a Parishioner of St. Raphael’s.
- ❖ Discussion concerning the recent e-mail sent to parents regarding the change in policy for birthday treats. With a concern for the safety of all children, parents may only send in non-edible items for birthday celebrations at school.