

# Parents' Buzz Track

**Officers:**

*President*  
Michele Bulen

*Vice President*  
Anne O'Shea

*Secretary*  
Nilza Lacayo

*Treasurer*  
Pedro Rodriguez

**Class**

**Representatives:**

*Kindergarten*  
Michelle Barroso  
Mary Ann Koory

*1<sup>st</sup> Grade*  
Maria DiDonato  
Teresa Lee  
Deborah Fitzpatrick

*2<sup>nd</sup> Grade*  
Theresa Carias  
Ann Powell

*3<sup>rd</sup> Grade*  
Loysie Helms  
Anne O'Shea

*4<sup>th</sup> Grade*  
Kathleen McKeon  
Gabriela Rojas-Martinez

*5<sup>th</sup> Grade*  
Lori Baldizon  
Caroline Feeney

*6<sup>th</sup> Grade*  
Rosie Dittmann  
Laure Moon

**Mission Statement:**

To enhance the quality of our children's education by working with teachers to provide intellectual, social, spiritual, financial support, and encouragement.

**Topics:**

The meeting was called to order by President Michele Bulen. Vice President Anne O'Shea, Secretary Nilza Lacayo, and Treasurer Pedro Rodriguez were present.

**Guest Speaker** – Emily Waterbury from EARN (Earn Asset Resource Network) gave a presentation to the group regarding a financial management program, S.A.F.E., available for parents. S.A.F.E. offers dollar for dollar matching and is possible through a donation from AmeriQuest. The program allows for investment accounts for children's (10 to 16 years old) educational needs. If you would like more information about the S.A.F.E., please contact the office for Emily's contact information or for their website.

**Family Bingo** – Chair Laure Moon reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> Family Bingo on February 26 was a huge success. Laure credited the success to everyone who helped and who participated in this fun event. Although Family Bingo's main focus is to have fun and join families together, it made a profit of \$1,100 for the Parent Group. Thank you Laure for chairing such a fun and successful night for St. Paul's families!

**Walk-a-thon** – Chair Laure Moon announced that the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk-a-thon is scheduled for **Sunday, April 10, from 1 pm to 4 pm** at Archbishop Riordan's track. The Planning Committee met and things are in the works for a fun and active afternoon. Volunteers are needed for that day. Please contact Laure to sign up so that you can receive service hour credits. In addition to this being the Parent Group's biggest fundraiser, 80% of funds raised will go toward your financial contribution. Profit made from this fundraiser will be distributed as follows: 20% to the Parish and 80% to the School. For more information please contact Laure or our website. The flyer and Sponsor Form are available from the website.

**Parent Board Nominations** – President Michele Bulen asked and encouraged parents to consider sharing their talents by serving on next year's Parent Board. We need parents to fill the positions of President, Vice President, and Secretary. Thank you to Pedro Rodriguez who volunteered for his second consecutive year as Treasurer! Current

# Parents' Buzz Track

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Nila Gonzales  
Maria Martinez-DiGulio

Parent Board members have offered to help and support the new officers, but it's time for new leadership! In addition to Parent Board officers, new Class Reps are needed for each grade. Please step up to plate and help our Parent Board Group continue to be a valuable, supportive, and fun resource!

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Veronica Gomez  
Noreen McDonagh  
Teresa Sampayan

**125th Anniversary Party** – Anne O'Shea, who is on the Planning Committee for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, reported that the first celebration will be held on April 24 with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 12:15 p.m. at St. Paul's Church. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, a second celebration will be held at the Pritikin Mansion. Tickets for the May 1 party are \$75 per person. Fr. Mario is encouraging and looking forward to making both events a big celebration for the entire Parish. If you have any pictures that have recorded St. Paul's history (weddings, baptisms, parties, sports), please share. As with other events, volunteers are needed for these two events, please call the Rectory if you're interested. Service hours will be given.

**Principal Bruce Colville's Departure** – Mr. Colville spoke to the group regarding his upcoming departure as Principal of St. Paul's School. He promises that he will continue to give his best through the very last day and that he will assist with the transition to a new principal. Mr. Colville spoke of how strong the school community is and he is sure St. Paul's will continue on its successful journey. Mr. Colville hopes to achieve his doctorate and to continue his Catholic educational ministry. Although Mr. Colville will not be the principal after this school year, he will continue to be a member of this community. Mr. Colville will continue to enjoy the relationships he's established over the many years as a teacher at St. Paul's High School, Parish member, and as principal of the elementary school. He's most grateful to everyone for their support and goodwill.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Pedro Rodriguez reported the Parent Group's current balance is \$6,687.11, of which \$2,500 is reserved for contingency reasons. A copy of the Treasury's Balance Report was given and will be filed in the records.