

Holy Family PTO Meeting Minutes November 18, 2015

PTO Board Members Present:

Brett Bosworth
Todd Hardie
Rachel Jenkins
Kathy Devine
Pam Kaye
Leanne Hartle
Frances Lawler
Mr. De Maio

PTO Board Members Not Present:

John Burnett
Christina Brownell
Bonnie Mullahy
Gena Schley
Mrs. Dineen

PTO Members Present:

Leslie Brown
Julie Stickelmaier

Brett started the meeting at 7:35 AM with an opening prayer.

Secretary's Report: Pam Kaye

- The minutes from the October PTO meeting were reviewed via email and approved at the meeting.

President's Report: Brett Bosworth

- The Fall Festival was a big success. The move to the back field received positive feedback. Thank you to Cristina Valentino and her team for another successful event.
- Thank you to the parents who responded to the PTO survey. The board will meet to discuss the input and feedback.
- The Mega Money Raffle has been moved to February 6th at 7:00 pm in the new Parish Hall. The tickets have been sent out to all families in Friday folders with an incentive for returning tickets before Christmas break. If you turn in your tickets by December 18th, you will be notified of your children's 2016-2017 homeroom teacher assignment one week prior to the regular posting for all families. There will only be one \$10,000 prize this year. This was based on survey feedback from last year that suggested more money should go back to the school since this is our major fundraiser.

Principal's Report: Mr. De Maio

- The new building is coming along beautifully and we should be given occupancy before school lets out for Christmas break. The church is very supportive of our school and we are included as part of their ministry.
- Spanish and Music classes will be moved to the new parish hall when we return from Christmas break. Additional electives courses or math classes may or may not move to the parish hall by the end of the year.
- Another goal is to make sure our science lab on the second floor of the school building will be open to all grades by the new school year.
- The current lunch vendors will continue until the end of the school year and the children will move over to the parish hall for lunch as soon as it is feasible.
- At the beginning of the new school year, there will be a staff person added at the front of the new parish hall to facilitate school activities during the day from 7:15 AM to 3:00 PM. They will help with admittance and monitor security.
- The church staff members have moved into their new offices.
- A third advisory board subcommittee has been added: Facilities and Safety. We also have a Technology subcommittee and a Marketing/Development subcommittee. The immediate task of the Facilities and Safety subcommittee is to look at the parking lot improvements and a fixed set or retractable barricade. They will work with Father to facilitate the installation of the barricade and the covered portico between the two buildings. We will use cones before the barricade is installed. The hope is for both the barricade and the portico to be in place before the end of the school year.
- A lunch service committee will soon be formed to explore options for our new lunch program. There will be three options: 1. A service provider that plans the menu and handles everything 2. A local restaurant will cater our lunch program each day or 3. Holy Family staff will be hired to run the entire lunch program. These are the three avenues that the school board wants to explore and they will make a recommendation to Mr. De Maio and Father Cusick.
- Thank you to our parents and students who bring their concerns to the administration. It's extremely helpful and productive. Parents are encouraged to contact Mr. De Maio directly with any concerns.
- Mr. De Maio is back in his office at the front of the school.
- Please note on the new spirit days, you can wear anything that is a Holy Family item. One exception is a Holy Family sports jersey. Students will be allowed to wear jeans, shorts, or any other items included on the non-uniform day guidelines. Complete guidelines will be published in the daily blast immediately after Thanksgiving.

Teacher's Report: Frances Lawler

- Most teachers liked the Fall Festival location in the back of the school. There was a suggestion to have more organized games or activities for the students. It was also suggested that we post a schedule of events and to have better communication about the raffle prizes.
- Teachers also felt more supervision is needed for younger children on the playground during the Fall Festival.

- The teachers felt the silly string contest was fun but one suggestion was to stagger the teacher times and to post the silly string teacher schedules.
- Teachers are excited for the new spirit store and have made purchases to wear items on our new spirit days. They are very supportive of the new spirit days and are excited for the students.

Vice President's Report: Todd Hardie

- The spirit store can not be extended because we need the purchased items to arrive to the school before our first spirit day. We currently have \$3,000 in spirit store sales. We will get 20% of that back to the school. These are high numbers compared to other schools. The spirit store may open again in the spring if there is enough interest.
- Delivery of purchased items will be the day before our first December spirit day. We will need volunteers to come up to school to help with delivery. It was suggested that SGA can help.
- Some Holy Family students participated in the Knights of Columbus soccer challenge and made states. They will receive their awards and certificates soon.
- The Knights of Columbus will have their first annual 5K race in February and information will be given to our Cross Country club to participate.
- The Fall Festival recap video is complete and up on our Holy Family Facebook page. The Fall Festival video link will also be sent out in a daily email blast.
- The Teacher Spotlight is on hold for now with more information to come.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Devine

- The Fall Festival netted approximately \$10,000 and we were down about \$2,500 from the previous year. We had less tickets sales overall with the same expenses.
- Our next big fundraiser is our Mega Money Raffle. Please plan to sell more than the four required tickets in order to generate more money for our school.

Social Report: Rachel Jenkins

- The Fall Festival recap is coming. We received great feedback on having the food and activities in the back field as well as the front.
- The Teacher Appreciation Luncheon will be moved to a new date in January. More information to come.

Fundraising Report: Brett Bosworth for Christina Brownell

- There is potential for a Chick-fil-A spirit day/fundraiser. One idea is to do it on early dismissal days or on a dress down spirit day. More information to come.

Volunteer Report: Brett Bosworth for Bonnie Mullahy

- The Grandparents Day chair is Sandy Salem. She will make a note that the name should be changed to include other caregivers and family members.
- Please continue to volunteer for carline and lunch service. There will be many volunteers needed for our Mega Money Raffle.

Sports Report: Brett Bosworth for John Burnett

- The Cross Country competitive season has concluded. Thank you to all the runners, parents, and coaches.

Communications: Brett Bosworth for Gena Schley

- No Report

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 AM.