

St. Luke Catholic School - PTO Meeting

Present: Mandy Heslin, Bis Feldmann, Ashley Dirks, Kelly Wessel, Alyssa Wagner, Kim Moriarty, Liz Held, EJ Whitacre, Kristin Beam, Tracy Miller, Beth Brown, Lori LeRoy, Angela Agricola, Kathleen Art, Mary Petruzzi, Amy Szentes, Jenn Baker, Heather Malarney, Molly Beckman, Rachel Gallagher, Kate Bruner

Not Present: Anne Horton, Heather Allen, Kathleen Smith, Joyce Simpkins, Jenn Rotz, Karin Held, Sharon Dillon, Yovonne Grego, Kristin Crisp, Celeste Hinko, Amy Waninger, Kelly Rees, Tara Strohl, Elizabeth Hicks

Meeting began at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

February minutes voted upon and were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Any outstanding receipts need to be turned in ASAP
- Grant money limit is getting close to budget. North Star field trip request not received (as of the timing of this meeting). Will there be a North Star trip this year?

Faculty Report provided by Kate Bruner:

- School looking to hire a middle school science teacher and resource teacher vacancies by end of April.
- School will be participating in its School Improvement Assessment (3 year cycle). School will be graded upon Catholic and School Improvement (Archdiocese installing a new model). Each Improvement area will be graded upon 4 benchmarks: Mission/Catholic Identity; Government/Leadership; Academic Excellence; Operational Vitality. The 2017 Fall visit will be moved to the spring to accommodate a new principal. A rough draft is being completed before 2017-18 year begins for the new Principal to work from. A parent survey will be going out after spring break.
- Discussion over previous grant request from Mrs. Borland for new computers in grades K-4, Resource. Discussed needs for computers versus iPads in class rooms. Mrs. Bruner shared that Kindergarten teachers would prefer 3-5 iPads/class. 1st grade teachers favored laptops and 2nd grade teachers prefer iPads. 3rd and 4th had not weighed in on their preference. PTO budget was discussed. Ultimately, the technology grant vote was tabled to gain more information and to vote at next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Arts & Enrichment:

- STEM events conducted in early March were well received.
- Spring After School Enrichment registration before Spring Break with classes beginning 4/10.

Fundraising:

- Looking for a chairman to train and takeover the following year. Trash bag sales run June thru November.

Spirit Wear/ Gym Clothes:

- Baseball, kick-ball, track spirit wear will be available this spring.
- Otherwise, clothing sales are complete until Hot Dog night. Has a Hot Dog night been set?

Communications & Membership:

- Membership: Creating flyers to join the PTO Board to be placed in family packets. Electronic flyer to be sent after spring break.
- Communications: no new report

Special Activities:

- 3/13 March Madness pep-rally was held. Next year, it is recommended to move the event to the afternoon when students are more awake and energized. Other opportunities identified to improve for next year. Brackets were being posted in the hall.
- April events include a coffee cart for teachers and a Baby Shower to support the Women's Care Center.
- April 27th will be the March Madness Pizza Party for final 4 teams/classrooms.
- May 17th - mark your calendars! PTO members needed to volunteer for Field Day from 10:30-1pm. Field day events and a hot dog grill out by Mrs. Noble planned.
- Teacher Appreciation week is May 1-5. Committee assignments will be sent out.
- Discussion of school faculty retiring this year.

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

President's Remarks:

- The library project discussed last fall, and tabled, is back on! The project has been approved by Patrick Jendraszak, Parish Manager. Mandy will be working with RJE on a design incorporating the new board table donated to the parish. PTO will spend \$10-15k on new furnishings. This amount has been earmarked in the budget and is well within PTO's overall budget.
- Member's recommended that PTO stickers or book plates be placed on new purchases that are donated by PTO.
- **Grant Request:** Mrs. Kelly requests \$548.38 + S/H for St. Luke Buddy Bench on school playground. This bench would be dedicated to retiring staff, JoEllen Dascoli and Ann Mason. PTO discussed that other school's have used buddy benches successfully. PTO feels that a whole anti-bullying education needs to be included for the bench to be successful in our school. This request also requires parish building and grounds approval. Grant funds are near capacity. A motion was made to decline this grant, but to ask Mrs. Kelly to revisit this request with programming in the future. Motion was approved.
- Due to the high number of retirements this year, Mandy was to follow-up with Past Presidents on clarification of how retirement gifts have been handled in the past.

Next Steps: Next meeting: Tuesday, April25, 2017. 6:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting.

Meeting concluded and was adjourned at approximately 8:15pm.