

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

St. Luke Catholic School - PTO Meeting

Present: Mandy Heslin, Kelly Wessel, Heather Allen, Lori LeRoy, Angela Agricola, Kathleen Art, Molly Beckman, Rachel Gallagher, Kate Bruner, Elizabeth Hicks

Not Present: Bis Feldmann, Ashley Dirks, Anne Horton, Alyssa Wagner, Kim Moriarty, Liz Held, Kathleen Smith, EJ Whitacre, Kristin Beam, Joyce Simpkins, Tracy Miller, Beth Brown, Jenn Rotz, Karin Held, Mary Petruzzi, Sharon Dillon, Amy Szentes, Yovonne, Grego, Jenn Baker, Heather Malarney, Kristin Crisp, Celeste Hinko, Amy Waninger, Kelly Rees, Tara Strohl

Meeting began at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

October minutes voted upon and were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

No Treasurer's Report

Faculty Report provided by Kate Bruner:

- School Commission will meet on 3/7 for "official" 2017-18 budget approval. Expect a 4% tuition increase for the 1st child and tapered there on per child. In addition, \$100 tech fee will be assessed for children in grades 5-8.
- Applied Skills ISTEP going on now.
- Mr. Webber wanted to give PTO a big "thank you" for the Olympic Speaker.
- Parish 40 days can drive currently underway.
- Walk-a-thon will be held on 4/19. on 3/20 information will be sent home and pledges due by 3/29.
- March Madness will take place on 3/31 (the last day before spring break) following all school mass. The entire school will have fun math activities and 2:2 basketball.
- Admission letters were being sent out on 3/1.
- Teachers and Staff say "thank you" for the soup luncheon.

Presidents Remarks:

- Grant Request: Amy Taylor's requests grant for "breakout boxes" of situations for the students to incorporate problem solving into the curriculum. APPROVED

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- Grant Request: Mrs. Kelly requests \$209 + S/H fro De-codeable phonics package, APPROVED
- Possible Grant Request: Mrs. Borland requests a tech grant including tables, chairs, desktops for grades K-4th. Discussion followed about the basis of the grant and what those grades may have space and need for. PTO requested more feedback from teachers on their needs before a vote could be made.
- Next year's PTO will need to fill 10 exiting board members. If you or anyone you know are of interested in joining the PTO, please forward to Mandy Heslin, Molly Beckman or Rachel Gallagher.

Committee Reports:

Arts & Enrichment:

- March 10th, PTO will fund STEM Connection for the entire school. Grades 3-4's STEM day will be off-site later in the month.
- After-school Enrichment (ASE) winter session continues until Spring Break. Classes are full!
- Spring ASE will offer new classes including Mr. Scott's science for grades 4-6, Mr. Fleming's Robotics and Mrs Prater's Bucket Drumming. Other offers include Spanish, Basketball, Building and Green Thumb classes. Stay tuned for information on registration.

Fundraising: No new updates.

Spirit Wear/ Gym Clothes:

- Spring Sports Spirit Wear coming soon.

Communications & Membership: No new updates.

Special Activities:

- 3/13 March Madness pep-rally with classroom bracket choices.
- In April, PTO will host coffee for teachers and a Women's Care fundraiser
- Olympic Speaker presented faith-based message. Received positive feedback!
- Jet's Pizza to provide pizza party for the "Final 4" classrooms. If one of the classrooms in Final four is not a teacher/class (i.e. music, technology, etc.) than the WHOLE school gets pizza!!!

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PTO Open Discussion Topics:

- New Principal hiring process
- Mr. Fleming's Robotics Club has enjoyed much success in their first year! Each weekend, St Luke has had someone place. The weekend days have been long with 4-12 hour sessions. The kids are loving the club and fills a niche not previously filled @ St Luke. Congrats to the Robotics Club and Mr. Fleming!!
- PTO making known to teachers that grants can be submitted for professional development and does not have to just be for class supplies.

Next Steps: Next meeting: Tuesday, March, 21, 2017. 6:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting.

Meeting concluded and was adjourned at approximately 7:40pm.