

Meeting Minutes

Home & School General Meeting

November 14, 2012

Attendees: Parents, teachers, Keith, Barbara and Michele from the HSA Board, Colin Hueston and Denise Czarzasty from BOLJ

SCRIP (Kristin McGee)

- Kristin McGee and Maureen Wilmer are in charge of SCRIP and it is now on-line. SCRIP proceeds go back to the parents in tuition credit, also to CYO and Home & School. Currently there are discussions to increase the percentage that goes back to the parents.
- Shopwithscrip.com: put info in and give your checking account and routing information and anytime you want to order it comes right out of your checking account. Barb McCarron distributes the purchased gift cards to the students on Fridays. We will sell after Masses on a limited basis only. If you place order by Tuesday, we should get them by Friday. There is a lot of variety to choose. A parent requested that an information paper be sent out at least once for families who don't always go on-line.
- The "Support Us" section of the SSPP website has a link to SCRIP.

Health and Wellness Committee Update (Cristina O'Brien)

- Cristina O'Brien has been in charge of the committee since its inception.
- Successful initiatives include: Walking Wednesday, Kids Fit Club, intramural flag football and dodge ball.
- Committee goals were to revisit the school lunch menu and make it healthier. Healthy food choices have been added, including grilled vs. fried foods, only low fat yogurt and milk, fruits and veggies as part of the entrée, low fat ice cream only 1 day a week, and salad bar on special days.
- Food nutritional value data is available to allow parents and kids to make healthy choices.
- Committee works to promote healthy celebrations and all foods in moderation.
- Special events: Apple Crunch day, Salad Bar in November, Healthy Breakfast in December, Health Fair in June.
- Fuel it up to play, Finish First with Milk – had Eagles Brett Celek come in and we won a \$10,000 grant for cafeteria to purchase all new tables and a smoothie machine.
- Contact Cristina if you have suggestions or want to volunteer.

Family Fun Day (Barbara)

- The day was a huge success and we had great weather. Many thanks to Tiffany Boden and Mary Jane Lorenz for organizing this event. We came in \$1700 under budget and had approx 350 to 400 attendees. Family Fun day was held in conjunction with the CYO's Fun Run chaired by Katie Kerns. It worked out well for all.

Volunteers (Michele D'Alessandro)

- Michele spoke about the Spring Fundraiser and our need for additional volunteers. Sign up sheets are in the back. You can ask Michele or any one of us any questions. It can be as little or as much of a time commitment as you would like.

Advancement Update (Trish Kyle)

- Golf outing proceeds were \$45,900!
- EITC last year was \$33,000. It is a tax incentive for PA corporations to donate to schools for tuition assistance. Our EITC fund already has \$43,200 this year - \$20,000 from First Resource Bank (2nd year); \$5000 from DellaVecchia Funeral Home as well as others.
- The Annual Fund is mission- based fundraising to help us close the gap in the costs required to educate our children. Two BOLJ members hosted lead gift events and asked the invited school parents and parishioners to donate \$1,000 each. The Annual Fund has \$23,651 with \$6000 pledged and \$3000 in matching gifts. Goal for the Annual Fund is \$75,000. The Annual Fund goes directly to the school operating budget.
- BOLJ: Voted on school finances and wanted to separate the school finances from the parish finances. The facilities committee found an area of the school roof to repair over the cafeteria.
- The Preschool Program is changing for next school year. See details on the website.

School Update (Mrs. Egan)

- Thank you for coming to this re-scheduled meeting.
- Mrs. Jermyn from WAWA connected our school with soldiers for Christmas. She also donated drinks from WAWA for Chick Fil A Bingo Night.
- SSPP families reached out to the hurricane victims through a program organized by the Fastuca family

- Mr. MacLennan and his family were very appreciative of the meals that the SSPP families made for him after the birth of this twins and his wife medical issues.
- TV studio needs to be repaired. We have temporary fix right now. We are looking into new equipment so we can upload the viewing on real time.
- Option C is the program we are using for report cards and phone reach. It is more cost effective than previous system. All parents should make sure that they can access Option C and that critical information (phone numbers and emails) is accurate.
- Mrs. Egan has been meeting with the students using Rosetta Stone so they know how to use it at home and what how grading will be done. Rosetta Stone requires Google Chrome browser and a microphone. Students should do Rosetta Stone at least 45 minutes per week.
- We are having a dress down day on November 20th to raise funds for the outside Nativity set (in conjunction with Religious Ed). The class with the highest participation will get to dress down for their Christmas party. On December 16th at 7 p.m. we will have Christmas Carols and dedicate it. Last year's 8th grade class donated a Nativity set for inside the school.
- December 7th is report card day.

Financial Report (Keith Aleardi)

- Review of all projects that are being worked on.
- HSA runs various programs that we support i.e.: DARE, Movie Night, Family Fun Day etc.
- Current balance is \$118,000 with \$85,000 allocated and \$75,000 approved. Have spent over \$20,000 on computer connectivity and upgrades. Need ongoing infrastructure updates.
- Contact Keith or Barbara with ideas of how to spend Home & School funds to improve the school for all our students.

Next meeting is January 17th 2013 at 7:00 p.m.