

Meeting Minutes

Home & School General Meeting

May 2, 2013

Attendees: Parents, teachers, HSA Board, BOLJ members

- Opening Prayer - Barbara
- Welcome and Agenda
- HSA Elections – VP and Treasurer ran unopposed – With a show-of-hands confirmation, Mary Jane Lorenz (VP) and Keith Aleardi (Treasurer) were re-elected for a second 2 year term
- Fundraiser Update – It was a success: well attended and we raised \$66,000.00 for the HSA
- HSA Year in Review
 - HSA Funded – Reading Olympic books, WICKED musical, Science Lab dissection materials of frogs, sharks..., hosting website, teacher lunch and gifts, classroom supplies, assemblies
 - Projects implemented: whiteboards replaced all chalkboards, new smart board in 8th grade room, TV studio upgraded, teachers and CARES laptops, Gym Wall Mats, Soccer Field Scoreboard. Live stream from TV studio targeted for this September.
 - John Sincavage, SSPP alum, is going on a mission to Cambodia and students will have a dress down day on May 13th to help him raise money for medical tools. SSPP Logo Backpack tags will be given to all students on that day also
 - Social Media Speaker at March meeting was success. We are exploring additional speakers for next year. Submit any topic ideas to Barbara.
- Financial Approvals
 - Technology Endowment \$20,000 approved
 - Smart boards and laptops for PreK and Kindergarten \$10,000 approved
 - Outside Fitness Equipment (Phase 1) for the older kids \$8,000 approved
- Advancement Update (Trish Kyle)
 - EITC scholarships: \$47,200 will be given out. Trish hopes to have more money next year. More people will qualify because the state increased the amount that families can earn
 - Annual Fund almost \$77,000 – exceeded our goal! Parents are reminded that their tuition only covers 45% of the school's expenses. The balance is the gift of Catholic education that comes from the parish. The subsidy gap for the coming year will be filled with the Annual Fund collections.

- We are financially healthy even though parish revenue is down 4%.
- Enrollment in the Smart Tuition program needs to be done ASAP. There is no other way to pay your tuition for next school year. There are many acceptable payment options that you can choose through SMART. Fees are \$6 per family if tuition is paid in full on July 15 and \$45 per family if you select any payment plan. There is still a 5% discount if tuition is paid in full before July 15. There are fees for paying by credit card. CARES will also be done through SMART. Homeroom fees will now be included on your tuition bill along with technology and stationery fees.
- School Update – presented by Trish Kyle due to Mrs. Egan’s absence
 - Farewell to 8th grade parents whose last child is graduating this year
 - We are a “Touchdown school” again this year from the Fuel Up to Play 60 program. Mrs. Egan, Mrs. Lowthert and Mrs. Park are at the awards dinner this evening. We won \$700 in new gym materials and a \$6000 portable salad bar.
 - Please submit your 2013/2014 Bus forms ASAP to Barb McCarron
 - Volunteer breakfast is May 17 – email the school secretary if you plan to attend. Younger siblings are welcome. All are invited.
 - Field Day is May 24th. Volunteers are needed for this. Email school secretary or send in form that was in today’s Crusader Times.
 - Terra Nova review meeting is Thursday, May 23rd
 - Mrs. Kauler is expecting a baby and will have a one-year substitute for her 5th grade classroom beginning next Fall.
 - Father Whelan is celebrating 40 years as a priest. He is still in a nursing home (St. Frances). He hopes to return to SSPP and continue his ministry here. He appreciates the cards and letters so please reach out to him.
 - HSA Movie Night on Saturday, May 18th. – It is free. Wreck-it Ralph is the movie. Can bring snacks...All are invited