

Meeting Minutes

Home & School General Meeting

October 8, 2013

Attendees: Parents, Teachers, HSA Board, BOLJ members 85 people in total

- Opening Prayer - Barbara
- Welcome and Agenda
- Summer project review –
 - 23 computers in lab and 5 were re-furbished, as well as the keyboards and headsets
 - Typing pal and kid pix deluxe – navigate keyboards
 - Microsoft software license for a year
 - Network switch
 - 2 more wireless routers added
 - Smart board in pre-k and 2 kindergarten with laptops
- Family Fun day – MJ and Tiffany
 - Great weather and turn out
- Trunk or Treat – Linda and Michele
 - Sunday, October 27th 4:30-6 pm
 - Parish wide event
- Smart Tuition
 - Overall, it has gone well. Efforts were made to work with parents. If have any problems, call Bob or Lynne in Parish Office as they will work with you.
- Introductions of Board Members and new treasurer, Motion made to have Lauren Ranalli replace Keith Aleardi – Motion was approved. First Resource Bank's generosity towards the school was also noted.
- Treasurer's report
 - \$118,700 approximately - \$48,000 is already allocated. \$3,534 spent for Family fun day and \$3,641 for golf outing for the teachers. \$281 spent for walking Wednesdays.
- Financial Approval Needed
 - Technology cost was above what we thought because we forgot to include cost associated with the installation. Motion made and was approved.
- Spring Fundraiser (Bid, Sip & Celebrate) - Tiffany and MJ
 - It will be held at The Desmond Hotel on Saturday, March 29th
 - Volunteers are needed – key positions are donation chairs and committee people. Donation chair mentors will be Chris D. and Michelle K.

- There will be a volunteer meeting on October 22nd
 - An explanation of how the money was used from past fundraisers
- Spirit Wear for School Families
 - Website is open – everything is on website except the magnets which can be obtained from MJ
- Scripts – Kristen McGee
 - If go to WAWA, Target, Home Depot, Giant... – sell online too. Forms on table which shows you how it works.
 - Get money off of tuition
 - Will be sold after some Mass as follows – the first and third Sundays after the 7:30 and 11:00 am. The second and fourth Sat/Sun at 5:30 pm and 9 am. The fifth Sunday at 9:00 am
 - No handling fees
 - Gift cards go through school
 - Please see the Crusader Times
 - Contact Kristen if would like to help
- CYO – Matt H
 - We have one of the strongest CYO Programs
 - There are over 200 kids participate in it
 - It is open to all Parishioners
 - We are the only school with a field
 - Basketball is the biggest program – last year there were 17
 - Volunteers are always needed to coach, coordinate events, and community service projects for the teams, and the CYO fun run - email CYO directly if you can help.
 - Fall sports - volleyball, field hockey, cross county and soccer
 - Basketball runs from November through February
 - Basketball Clinic for 1st through 4th grade is in March
 - Fundraiser - Beef and Beer. It will be held the Saturday night the week before the Super bowl
 - At the end of each year, there is a banquet
 - Can donate through United Way to Saints Peter and Paul CYO
- Advancement Director - Trish
 - Thank you and welcome to new parents
 - New parent breakfast was a success
 - If you want a grandparent or parent to receive the Crusader Times, let Trish know
 - \$41,424 netted from the Golf Outing to the teachers
 - Save the date for next year's Golf Outing - September 22nd
- Box Tops – Stephanie

- We have approximately, \$900 to date.
- Contact her if you have any questions
- Health and Wellness – Christina
 - Walking Wednesdays
 - Provides an environment of healthy eating and physical fitness
 - Kids involved with Fuel it 60
 - Would love to hear from parents - if interested in helping
 - Apple Snack day coming up – Each month will promote something healthy. November will be sweet potatoes; December – portion control; January – healthy grab and go breakfast
- School Update – Mrs. Egan
 - Please keep Father Welsh and Mrs. Erhardt in your prayers. Will let us know if helping hands are needed.
 - Can purchase Rosetta Stone for approximately \$13.00 if interested.
 - Make sure child gets on Rosetta Stone 30 minutes a week. If a score of 90 or above was not achieved, please redo it before moving on.
 - High School night will be held tomorrow night
 - Volunteer Clearances need to be updated – They last 5 years
 - PSAA Test Results – The Archdiocese asked us to take the test to see how our students are doing. Mrs. Egan agreed to because the Catholic Schools in the city were not rated correctly because Catholic Schools take the Terra Nova and not PSAA. The Connelly Foundation offered to fund a study to compare both. They had asked the public schools in Philadelphia to take the Terra Nova but no public schools took it. Also, our children took two standardized tests in a few weeks while public schools only took the PSAA.
 - We ranked 2nd in Math
 - We ranked 3rd in English
 - It will be decided if we will switch to the State testing. Our children are very well prepared for the testing. Mrs. Egan is confident that our children will do well no matter what test they take.
 - Prepare teachers with professional development
 - Make sure our children learn and are prepared
 - October 22nd – regular school uniform. No more Sperry's for winter. They can worn in the spring
 - Students can wear only one rubber band bracelet
 - For the winter, if you can see the socks, they must be green. If you can not see them, then any color is acceptable. Students can wear any color for gym
 - Anything that is a distraction to learning, should not be worn