ICOLPH School Parents’ Association Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: ICOLPH Mattie Hall
Date: Feb 4, 2022
Time: 8:00am-9am
Facilitator/PA President: Liz Barr pa@ic-olph.org
Vice-President: Jennie Hrubesky
Secretary: Alison Dasho

Agenda Topics:

❖ Welcome/Introductions ................................................................ All Attendees
  o Opening Prayer

❖ Principal Report ........................................................................................................ Kathy Wartelle
  o Catholic Schools Week has been awesome, teachers really do love Teacher Appreciation Day
    ▪ It’s been a hard year, they really appreciate all the kindness
    ▪ Volleyball game went well, only hiccup was recording was sideways – but that helped viewers on phones see better, they could rotate.
    ▪ Pet races were fun, kids had a great time
  o Covid: Definitely feeling on the other side of this current surge, seems to be tapering off. Appreciative of continued family cooperation and caution.
    ▪ About 120 tests given so far this year (prior to Jan, only about 10 given)
    ▪ 7-day return (can’t do 5-day, because that would require continuous masking, no lunch)
  o Volunteer hours:
    ▪ Auction coming up, musical coming up, April will have a spring music & arts festival (Ms. Fletcher and Ms. K) Art Walk & spring concert combined
      • Be thinking about how you can help, watch Signup Genius
    ▪ Save the date for State of the School, Thursday 2/17
    ▪ Pre-gathering last year (hosted a Zoom chat, Mrs. Moon helped with that) – consider doing again?
    ▪ Mid-year reports have gone out in the mail – families should receive today/tomorrow
  o Rebranding meeting through the parish – logos are in process, school community is invited to rebranding event (Weds 2/16 in the evening), but be aware lots of that convo will center how the church looks, creating a feeling of a unified parish, etc.
  o Father Joseph was admitted to the hospital yesterday (Providence), pray that he gets some answers.
  o What about the track meet? That looks like it will happen, with all the Catholic Schools.
    ▪ No knowledge of regulations, TBD
    ▪ Mrs. Russel is on top of it
  o Fun run? Or perhaps field day instead – TBD.
  o Field trips or anything this year?
8th and 7th grade were looking at options for some they've done traditionally

**Upcoming Events**

- **Weekend Recess**
  - Families can bring balls, chairs, sidewalk chalk
  - Bubblemaker
  - Pinewood Derby is happening at Mattie Hall, so we will have bathrooms!

- **Share the Good Campaign**
  - School Commission, Mirran has this idea to encourage positive feedback from parents/students, let’s show the teachers and staff some love outside of one day of appreciation
  - Somebody to spearhead/volunteers to help/brainstorming ideas
    - Sticky notes all over the school with good feedback
    - Encourage parents to email with thanks, specific examples, or just positive thoughts
    - How to get parents involved – encourage participation
      - Lead by example
      - Ask Mrs. K to help create a board in the front – maybe a tree with flowers/leaves they can add?
        - Will need to be sure the affirmations are positive, etc.
      - Email list for programmatic daily affirmations from teachers
      - Comment box with Kudos – WOWs for teachers
        - Perhaps having a volunteer pre-read them just to weed out any potential negativity
        - Why they love the school
    - **ACTION ITEM:** Make up some WOW forms (teacher name, blank slips) (Traci). Get papers printed (Mirran). Make the box for sitting outside the office. (Amie)
    - **ACTION ITEM:** Solicit praise about the school from the parents (add to newsletter), then create a daily positive affirmations email for all the teachers. (Alison)

- **Volunteer opportunities**
  - Contact School Directly
    - Check SignUp Genius
  - Record Your Hours
  - **Auction Volunteers needed– Sign-up Genius:**
    - [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49a9ad29a3f9c34-auction1](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49a9ad29a3f9c34-auction1)
  - **Auction is coming up – register for in person – it’s getting full, grab tickets now**
    - Procurements/donations have been extended through 2/14
    - Think about big ticket items like Seattle Kraken tickets, vacations, etc.
      - Parents can pool together to purchase bigger ticket items
    - Tips for procuring: Be specific, tell the story of why you want the item.
- Remember to register for online auction; check with your class parent to see if you’re already registered
- Make sure to reserve your space for the in-person auction – spots are limited!

➢ Big thanks to all those who helped volunteer or send donations for the coffee brigade!

➢ Community building ideas:
  - Bingo night? UNO night? Bunko night? Doing something with the Knights? Open for families – not the school, it’s coming from the outside.

➢ Any sports for younger kids?
  - Irish soccer might have spring league
  - Track? Only down to 4th grade
  - Piano lessons? Could post on PA page looking for leads/other families who take lessons

➢ Box tops........................................................................................................ Heather Cook
➢ Used Uniforms.................................................................................................... Melissa Bunny
➢ SCRIP ................................................................................................................. Trenieca McGinty
➢ Teacher Favorite’s List......................................................................................... Elisa Whitehouse

PA Meeting Attendees: Liz Barr, Jennie Hrubesky, Alison Dasho, Mirran Rajcic, Traci Carpenter, Amie Bosler, Karine Raetzloff

Next Meeting: March 4th