

Sacred Heart



Parent Teacher Organization

May 8, 2019

Opening Prayer - 6:30am

Father's Report -

Exciting things are happening with the capital campaign. On May 17th, construction crews will be ripping out radiators, putting in new heating and air system in school. They will be done by summer. We have 2 bids and are waiting on a 3rd. They will make a decision quick. The church will get new heating and air this summer, as well. Teachers will have more control over classroom temperature when this project is finished. The crews are finishing up the windows in the gym. There were 40 windows in total. They are putting in double paned windows with tint so the sun will not be blinding in gym anymore. Stanfield will finish up trim once they put windows in. Stanfield is also coming to check the roofs to make sure we do not have hail damage. They are going to check the downspouts, because there may not be enough to work properly. The committee has decided Sacred Heart will seal bricks every 7 to 10 years now instead of retucking the bricks. They will address the school's electrical updates this summer, as well. The committee is looking to replace windows next summer, when we have more time and funds in the campaign account. The next project will be the hardware on the doors. This is exciting because we are only 6 months into a 3 year project and we are nearly done with the big projects.

We lost the kindergarten teacher for next year. We are currently looking for another candidate. The school will post the position with the Diocese, who helps us to find teachers. We have a teacher shortage in this area and we are competing with public school for candidates. Sacred Heart school tries to pay 80% of what the public school pays, but last year 470 jumped up about \$5000 for starting pay, which makes it hard for us to compete and stay at the 80%. It's a bit of a

disadvantage for us. We want to make sure we get good teachers for our kids, but we know our parents are there to support the school and their children's education.

This will be a busy summer. Prayer in Action will be here the last 3 weeks in June. Next weekend, we will have a form in the bulletin for jobs. If you know of elderly, disabled or low income who cannot do jobs themselves, please let us know about them. We have to have enough work for 20 kids for 15 days of work. Please contact the church office with questions or suggestions. Totus Tuus is the 2nd week of July. Students going into 1st-12th grade are welcome to sign up.

Principal's Report -

Mr. Butler had to go home before the flood left him stranded. Jessica Morgan reading his report:

Thank you for making my first year at Sacred Heart a great experience. We are already preparing for next year. We are also looking for a music teacher. Estimate for consumables for next year is around \$10,000. Regarding the new math series, we are going to hold off for 1 year to see if other schools try it and like it. We want to make sure it works before we invest. Have found extra resources for the teachers to use next year in Math. We are going to do the 7:10 - 7:40 walk and talk next year. Students can bring a sack breakfast, depending on how much supervision we have. They can also read or do homework. We will revisit the school provided breakfast next year. We might need to look at the sound system in the gym for music. The students have to be done eating by 7:45am in order to take communion. At 7:40am, they will go to class to do morning work. They have seen evidence in the Diocese with other schools who are doing this, that there is an improvement in behavior in Mass, in the classroom, they are seeing better attention spans and class work. The statistics were impressive. It's proven that if you have 10 minutes of activity before your school day, it improves your cognitive skills, attention span. We are going to give it a try next year. USD470 will be sending out letters for students who need summer school. There are workbooks available for parents to purchase with a discount available at the school office. You can use MobyMax through July, also. Will need to communicate with your child's teacher if you plan on using it this summer. Is there a big difference with MobyMax and the Simple Solutions? Simple solutions is just worksheets.

Field Day is the 14th, need help with parents to man stations. There will be no water activity this year, so no swimming,

15th day is the last day of school. We will have award ceremony then release students at the normal time.

Financial Report

Account totals - \$31,451.41 in checking

Money spent since last meeting:

Teacher appreciation week - \$698 spent,
which included meal

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Field Trips

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Old Business-

New Math series for 2019-2020 school year - That will not be bought until the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Butler will apply for grant now to have the money ready. The grant could help with \$14,000. The price of the math series will be \$15,000 - \$25,000, but not sure on the negotiating. Grant will not cover the total cost of the purchase. The purchase will be for 5 years. The math program would need to be renewed at that time. The reason we are having so many fundraisers now is that we have been asked to help with this cost. Father needs parish funds to help pay for teacher salaries and stay competitive. PTO has been asked to fund shortages in the textbook rotation, when grant money is not available or enough.

New Business-

Textbook purchase for consumables next year, will get discount if purchased early - \$10,000

4th-5th grade end of year pizza party - Mrs. Kayne asked PTO to pay for it.

Camp Horizon- water and snacks approx. \$100, could ask parents to donate water or snacks as well.

Projector/ bulletin boards - The library is getting moved between May 31 - June 9th, need money to purchase paint, supplies and new items.

PTO Officers for 2019-2020 school year - Ashley's two years has expired, but Jessica is not going to be president next year. Keeli has served 2 years as secretary, so her position has expired. Becca will remain another year as PTO Treasurer. We are looking for a new president, vice-president and secretary for next year.

Jessica will be a good contact for anybody wanting to be president. Any nominations or volunteers for this position? Anybody interested in being the vice-president, knowing that you will be president the following year. Any nominations or volunteers for secretary?

Motions -

Ashley makes a motion to pay \$50 for every class to have an end of year party. Becca seconded. Motion passed.

Keeli makes a motion to spend up to \$100 for snacks for Camp Horizon. Jessica seconded. Motion passed.

Jessica motions to approve \$1000 for library move, Amy seconded. Motion passed.

Ashley makes a motion to pay \$10,000 for the consumables, Jessica seconded. Motion passed.

Appointment of positions for 2019-2020 school year -

Fallon Giles will be vice president next year.

Kirsten Calvin will be secretary next year.

There were no nominations for the position of president. Ashley Monroe will be interim president until somebody is found.

Next Meeting- TBD

Closing Prayer 7:30