

## **Kingston Catholic School Family Organization**

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Thursday January 10, 2019

A regular meeting of the Kingston Catholic School Family Organization (KCSFO) was held on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. The meeting was held at the Wall Street campus, with Ms. Zimmer presiding.

In attendance: Melissa Zimmer (President), Stacey Schuon (Vice-President) Mike Creeden (Treasurer), Christine Creeden (Secretary), Marie Dilulio (Faculty representative) Laura Geskie (Faculty representative), Jill Albert (Principal), Jodi Vines (Vice Principal) Patty Ryan, Archdiocese Tuition representative  
\*Additional committee chairs and parents also in attendance

Excused: None

**Call to Order:** Melissa Zimmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Minutes:** Previous minutes have been reviewed. The possibility of registering KCS with Amazon Smile is still open.

### **Administration update:**

1. As a follow up to a comment made about technology made at the December meeting, Mrs. Albert noted that the archdiocese has updated the infrastructure in both buildings, supplied KCS with 200 Chromebooks and carts, and on-line textbooks for some middle school classes. Kindergarten has been using Dot Dash, an interactive robot used for an intro to coding. Next month 7<sup>th</sup> grade will have a virtual reality experience program that will navigate through the human body and will then be given to other classes to use as well.
2. Faculty had a training in bullying given by ADAP.
3. Teachers turned in their wish lists for classroom items such as journals, folders and classroom activity aids.
4. Mrs. Albert informed us that in response to the nursing coverage at the middle school, 6 faculty members have been trained on how to administer an epi-pen.
5. Patty Ryan introduced herself and briefly discussed the importance of sharing the positive experiences families have at KCS, and the overall benefits of a Catholic education. Families that refer a student will receive a \$250 credit toward tuition if that student remains enrolled for a certain period of time. Please contact Patty Ryan for additional referral information.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Mike noted that our current account balance is \$9,591.12, and we have paid \$26,277.29 toward our \$57,000 requirement.

### **Old Business:**

- a) **Deising's cookie sale:** The price of the cookies may have been a deterrent to some, and we may consider alternatives next year. KCSFO net \$91 from the cookie sale.
- b) **Candy Cane Shoppe:** Thank you to Alyson Reidy and all the volunteers who made the Candy Cane Shoppe a great success! The students really enjoyed choosing gifts for family and friends, and our profit was \$810.
- c) **Field day:** A final decision was made that there will not be a rain date for field day. In the event of rain there is a "Plan B" and we will use in gym at one of the campuses.
- d) There will not be a science fair this year. As science curriculum is changing admin would like to change the science fair platform to match. KCS will move to a STEM fair next year.

- e) The possibility of a super raffle has been tabled for now. We will look to roll this out in June, with tickets to be sold over the summer and into the new school year.

### **New Business/Upcoming Events:**

- a) Father- Daughter Dance: The RSVP deadline has been extended until 1/10. We are still in need of snack and beverage donations, and could use another volunteer to help set up Saturday morning.
- b) Family Assembly: There will not be a family assembly in February because the 8<sup>th</sup> grade is hosting their Winter Festival is on first Friday.
- c) Coffee Hour: The next coffee hour will be on February 7<sup>th</sup>, open to all families.
- d) Mother Son Event: Regina was able to get us on the schedule at Patel's Lanes for 3/30 however they want a minimum of 50 guests and the cost is higher than we were hoping. Someone will reach out to discuss the possibility of setting up our event as a birthday party.
- e) Catholic Schools week: The Penny challenge will kick off Catholic Schools week on Monday- the Creedens will manage the middle school and Alyson will take care of the elementary school. Bridget will log the totals and determine the winning classes. Stewarts is donating Sundae kits for the ice cream socials. With parent volunteers Melissa and Alyson will help students make sundaes during lunch.
- f) Read a thon: Eldeva has decided on a Dr. Seuss theme for the read-a-thon, which ties in nicely with the musical. She will reach out to Mrs. Heaney to see if she has any prizes to use as individual incentives.
- g) Musical: Rehearsals are currently underway and Nicole Tarza has everything well organized.
- h) Dinners & Community outreach:
  - i) Chipotle: The chipotle dinner is set for Monday 1/28. As long as customers show the flyer or mention KCS we will receive 33% of sales (this had been 50% in the past).
  - ii) Crazy Bowlz: Melissa spoke to Jenny and this dinner will be organized in March, once their new menu is introduced. Crazy bowls will donate 15% of sales from both the Kingston and New Paltz locations.
  - iii) Warming Center: Jill will ask Gina Nuzzo to contact Shannon Kelly with Catholic Charities- she is looking for blankets and other warm items for the new Warming Center in Kingston. It is located at Zion Church and is a place for those to come in and get warm.
  - iv) Peoples Place: Our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students made ornaments for all the volunteers at The People's Place as a Thank you for all they do for the community.
  - v) Romeo Auto adopted ten KCS families for the holidays and donated bags full of clothes, food, gift cards and other times. This was in lieu of their holiday party, and their generosity is greatly appreciated.

### **New Ideas/Concerns:**

- a) The green fence in the parking lot at the Broadway campus has fallen again. It needs to be repaired or removed.
- b) In lieu of a pasta dinner Melissa will ask Kourtney to reach out to Savona's Pizza about the possibility of offering a pizza night at the Morton Blvd location- similar to the one that the plaza location recently held for a local public school.
- c) Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser- Stacey and Danielle Brown will reach out to get information on this fundraiser. We would like to roll it out in time for Easter delivery.
- d) Bunny Breakfast- Danielle suggested breakfast with the Easter Bunny. We will try to schedule a continental breakfast after mass with an Easter egg hunt to follow. This would be held at the Wall Street campus and a date needs to be determined. Marie mentioned April 7<sup>th</sup> as a possibility
- e) Parents Night out- The KCSFO is interested in offering a Parents Night out in time for Valentines day. Currently enrolled students could be dropped off at the school while parents enjoy a few hours off. Jill and Jodi would be present in addition to board members.
- f) Popcorn Pop up store- Regina Marcucci has run this fundraiser successfully with her dance studio. Melissa will reach out for more information.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 6:30pm, at the Wall Street Campus.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The KCSFO