

## **Kingston Catholic School Family Organization**

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Thursday February 6, 2020

A regular meeting of the Kingston Catholic School Family Organization (KCSFO) was held on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

In attendance: Melissa Zimmer (President), Stacey Schuon (Vice-President) Alyson Reidy (Treasurer), Marie Dilulio (Faculty representative) Laura Geskie (Faculty representative), Jill Albert (Principal)

\*Additional committee chairs and parents also in attendance

Excused: Kelley Hedin (Secretary)

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

**Minutes:** Previous minutes have been reviewed, and points are in progress.

### **Administration update:**

1. Catholic Schools Week was a great success this year, with numerous engaging activities planned throughout. Mrs. Albert was impressed with the behavior of our students, and the willingness of the faculty to step outside their comfort zone and participate in events such as the Teacher Swap (which quickly became a student favorite)!
2. Students have completed an online NYS simulation practice to ease the difficult transition to online testing.
3. The Student council Winter Dance has been rescheduled for Friday February 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

The current balance in the KCSFO account is \$8,692.39. A partial payment of our fundraising goal has been paid to the region in the amount of \$25,000.

Recent deposits from completed fundraisers include:

- \$756 Discount cards
- \$700 Father Daughter Dance
- \$1485 Penny challenge
- \$348 Chipotle Fundraising dinner

### **Old Business:**

- a) **Father Daughter Dance:** Thankfully the weather cooperated, and the annual Father Daughter dance was a great success. The DJ was very easy to work with and seemed to engage the audience, and a great time was had by all. There was an increase in set up help this year as well, which was greatly appreciated. Next year Gina Ricci's picture pricing will be added to the flyer.
- b) **Open house/Science Fair:** This year's science fair was sponsored by Wright Architecture, and KCS thanks them for their generosity! 43 students displayed projects at the Fair on Sunday 1/26, and each project was well thought out and executed. Many thanks to our volunteer judges! The classroom doors were also decorated to represent different countries, so the school was looking great for Open House!
- c) **Community outreach, Hygiene Drive:** The Hygiene drive for the warming center was run through Catholic Charities this year and it was a great success. Many will benefit from the generosity of our families.

- d) **Penny Challenge:** We raised \$1485 with our penny challenge this year, which is \$100 more than we raised last year. A big thank you goes out to all our room parents for helping us out with this event- it really made the process much smoother!

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

- a) **Giant Raffle:** Our Giant raffle has begun, and ticket sales have been coming in slowly but steadily. The winners will be drawn at the family assembly Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>. Melissa will contact Father Bill to ask for permission for students in uniform to sell tickets in the vestibule after mass. Mary will continue to post on our KCS Facebook page. A letter will be included in the envelope to remind families to send tickets in as they are sold, instead of waiting until March 5<sup>th</sup> to send them all in. This will make it much easier for us to record the sales.
- b) **Read a Thon:** The theme for this year's Read-a-thon is Harry Potter. The Read-a-thon will kick off at the family assembly Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> and Eldeva will be present to make a quick announcement. Students will be invited to come to school dressed as their favorite Harry Potter character, and they will be sent home with a small Harry Potter themed party prize. We will end the 2 week Read-a-thon with a pizza party for participants, and storytelling with Mrs. Pillsworth.
- c) **Gertrude Hawk:** By request we will run a Gertrude Hawk fundraiser for a short period, with delivery before Easter.
- d) **Scholastic Book Fair:** We are happy to report that we have enough volunteers to move forward with the Scholastic book fair this year, Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup> -Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>. The Friday date will have evening hours. Additional volunteers still welcome- the more helping hands we have, the easier it is to help students shop for appropriate books.
- e) **Mother Son Event:** Walter Gaceta has graciously agreed to host our Mother Son Sports event again this year, Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30. Pizza and snacks will be served, and we will end the night with make your own sundaes for dessert. Cailee Nichol Photography will be taking Mother Son photos for those interested and prints will be available for purchase.
- f) **Bunny Breakfast:** The Bunny breakfast is quickly approaching on Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be needed to set up Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>, and a volunteer will be needed to dress up as the Bunny. The bunny costume needs to be located as it does not seem to be with the rest of the KCSFO items upstairs. Mrs. Albert will check with Mr. Hurley to track it down. Alyson will create a donation letter and solicitations will be made for bagels and fresh fruit. We will focus on more activities this year, such as egg decorating.
- g) **Community outreach:** A canned food item will be requested to participate in the Valentine Dress down day, and the donations will be given to Catholic Charities as a Thank you for hosting our Mother son event.

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

1. **Wooden Wheels Family night:** We are still trying to arrange a Family Skate night with Wooden Wheels, but correspondence has been slow. Stacey will continue to reach out and put something together. We are currently looking into the last Thursday of February.
2. Rebecca Shea-Butterly would like to offer her time to push into classrooms for 10-20 minutes to show students different works of art and provide some basic background information. She will work with Mrs. Albert to find the appropriate time.
3. The KCSFO is reaching out to local artists to have them push into current art classes for a few weeks to create special projects of the artists choice. KCSFO funds will be used for these special lessons.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday March 12, 6:30

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The KCSFO