

Kingston Catholic School Family Organization

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2020

A regular meeting of the Kingston Catholic School Family Organization (KCSFO) was held on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

In attendance:

Melissa Zimmer (President), Stacey Schuon (Vice-President), Marie Dilulio (Faculty representative) Laura Geskie (Faculty representative), Jill Albert (Principal), Kelley Hedin (Secretary), Alyson Reidy (Treasurer)

*Additional committee chairs and parents also in attendance

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

Minutes: Previous minutes have been reviewed and all points have been cleared or are in progress

Administration update:

- Senora Gonzalez will be going out on a temporary leave. Instead of hiring a long-term substitute, Mrs. Tremitti will be filling in. In order to make this work, the younger grades will receive online supplementation with their classroom teachers for one of their two normally scheduled days.
- Ms. D and Mrs. Albert recently attended the sheriff's safety meeting to review the school's emergency procedure, as well as the school safety plan for the re-uniting children with parents in the event of an emergency.
- Science Fair- The science fair will be held on Sunday 1/26 from 11-1pm. There will also be an open house on that day, and the office has already received calls from families asking for tours. Volunteers are needed and welcomed to give tours during this time. KCSFO members will also be present.
- 2nd and 3rd grade teachers were recently trained by Pearson in curriculum that will include units with project-based experiences
- KCS purchased a new science online curriculum for grades PK-5 that includes great lab components and a mix of technologies. This will be used as a supplement for 3-5 and the primary curriculum for PK-2.

Treasurer's Report/Recap:

Current Balance- \$33,080.30

- Thanksgiving Pie Sales- \$321.45
- Barnes and Noble/Five Guys- FG \$385.00 Barnes and Noble Classroom credits - \$75.00
- Scrips- \$732- We may do another one mid-May
- Pancake Breakfast- \$2,893.00
- Discount Cards- \$564.00
- Holiday Shoppe- \$685.00- Next year the older kids will help the younger children
- Christmas Caroling- \$100.00

New Business/Upcoming Events:

- Father/Daughter Dance: The DJ has been confirmed and would like a list of approximately 20 song requests. The committee will be setting up in the gym Saturday 1/19 and volunteers are needed
- Catholic Schools Week:
 - **Penny Challenge:** 1/27-31 Winning classes will be announced Monday, February 3rd. Classroom parents will be invited to be the "bankers" for their classrooms. Alyson Reidy will contact them via email with the request.

- **Ice Cream Social:** The KCSFO will serve ice cream sundaes Tuesday 1/28 during regular lunch periods. Volunteers will be needed to assist. Stewarts has donated the ice cream, toppings etc.
- **Chipotle Dinner:** Tuesday 1/28 from 4-8pm. Chipotle will donate 33% of sales back to KCS
- **Super Raffle:** Tickets are being created and the raffle will run from 1/27-3/6. The winner will be announced at family assembly on 3/6 and does not need to be present to win. Students will receive 3 bundles of 6 tickets each, and our goal is to sell 2500 tickets. If we reach our goal, we will have a school-wide kickball game and pizza party. In addition, the 2 students that sell the most tickets will each receive a \$50 gift card.
- **Read-a-thon:** Eldeva is working on a theme for this year's Read-a-thon. Suggestions welcome! The kickoff will be at the 3/6 family assembly, and we will wrap up the event with a pajama party and storytelling with Mrs. Pillsworth Friday 3/20.

Community Outreach:

- Ideas in progress:
 - Valentines Days Cards for the elderly
 - Donations for the Warming Center- Blankets or hygiene products. Bridget will reach out to Shannon Kelly to see what the warming center needs most, and coordinate with Gina Nuzzo.

New Ideas/Concerns:

- **Disney Volunteer Hours:** This program awards park tickets based on volunteer hours and projects. Much of what we are currently doing could count toward this goal. Alyson will register KCS.
- Kingston Catholic School "thank you" cards are being purchased and will be sent out to the auction vendors, discount card participants, and pancake breakfast contributors.
- **Status of the water coolers/invoice:** The water cooler will be installed on Martin Luther King Day, and the invoice will be paid after installation is complete.
- **Scholastic book fair:** There was discussion of bringing back the Scholastic book fair, if we can get enough parent volunteers. Gina Nuzzo will reach out to our contact, and Melissa will send a letter home to families looking for daytime volunteers. We will proceed if we have enough help, and the book fair would run 3/18-3/20. This would be in place of the Barnes & Noble book fair- we have not signed a contract for a Spring date.
- **Skate Night:** Wooden Wheel social event is being considered. Stacey will reach out to Wooden Wheels and Melissa will reach out to Skate time for details.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The Mother/Son Night has been confirmed with Walter at CYO 6:30-8:30 March 13, 2020. The KCSFO is currently looking for a photographer to donate their time to take photos of Mothers and Sons for those interested in purchasing the prints.
- **Mrs. Heaney:** The KCSFO would like to send flowers and a card to Mrs. Heaney. Melissa will organize. We would also like to contribute to the meal train for their family, and Mrs. Albert will let us know when there is an opening.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 6:30

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

The KCSFO