



St. Michael Parent Club Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 20, 2020

Time: 7:00pm

Location: ZOOM

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Meeting Called By: CasSandra Flores

Board Members: Alison Wilkie, Principal / CasSandra Flores, President / Jennifer Gribben, Vice President / Vikki Wright, Secretary / Stephanie Christie, Head Room Parent

President Report

- Newsletter from Parent Club will come from Parent Club email on the first Tuesday of the month. (would like to see weekly events, donation items)
- Natalie Partida has marketing templates for the newsletter to make them plug and play.
- Birthday gifts for teachers from the Parent Club – looking for a way to get the card signed from the members. There was a suggestion of doing a virtual greeting card site.

Principal Report

- Great to see everyone on campus the past two days picking up supplies and meeting the teachers.
- Faculty and Staff enjoyed seeing the chalk messages and made the day special.
- Enrollment is currently 133
- Contra Costa county is now accepting waivers just waiting on Alameda. The Archdiocese needs to figure out how to get the faculty and staff tested every 4-6 weeks for Covid.
- SMS is self-sufficient with the budget and doesn't get any funding from the Archdiocese or Government. SMS gets financial help from the parish. SMS is one of the 5 schools that get parish funding help. Tuition and fundraising go toward 85% of teacher salaries and daily expenses. This year SMS needed to lower the budget by 10-20 students.
- 10 out of the 37 schools in the Oakland Diocese are doing MAC

School Board Report

- Enrollment was at 126 and now at 133. Expecting to see enrollment fluctuate throughout the year due to economics and other school experiences.
- Covid-19 – Alameda and Contra Costa not entertaining waivers at this time. (This just changed Monday)
- Return to campus plan – After school starts families will be sent a “Intent to Return to School or Continue to Distant learn” for help to plan out classroom space. Returning will likely be a phased approach over 30 days after a two weeks’ notice. The distance between students is 6ft so depending on capacity may have to split classes and hire assistants or implement hybrid teaching plan. Masks are required at all times.



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- Distance Learning – Schedules are set and in line with the other diocesan schools. All but 2 teachers will teach from their classroom. Regular cleaning of campus is occurring now. All teachers will send weekly updates. TK-2nd using Seesaw to submit work and 3rd-8th will use google classroom.
- MAC Classrooms – MAC enables more social and dynamic rich discussions and students can hear ideas from a larger group. Ms. Wilkie is looking to have a parent check in with the MAC classes after Labor Day to obtain feedback and answer questions.
- Fundraising – Eagle Run will be virtual, and the current plan is to hold a weeklong fitness challenge event. Details to follow and open to ideas. Gala most likely will have a virtual component as well. Stephanie is looking for suggestions and ideas to help make this event fun and successful.
- Parish News – School Blacktop project completed. Parish is not holding their fundraiser auction festival this year but looking to hold activities to celebrate St. Michael Feast Day. Parish is focused on new Community Care Program (twice a month food distribution program, counseling program and drive up prayer) Faith Formation communion is complete, SMS communion is scheduled Sept 19. The parish is working on ways to get the students more involved in mass during distant learning.
- Back to School Night – Teachers will hold Zoom calls for their classrooms. Prerecorded video from Ms. Wilkie, Fr. Carl and Parents Club prior to the individual class sessions.

Head Room Parent Report

- Introduced the Room Parents for each grade.
- Talked about working on the forms that were sent to the room parents.

Upcoming Events

- Dine Out at Melo's on September 9 – 20% of tickets will go to SMS. Make sure to show the flyer either on your phone or hard copy so that SMS gets the credit.
- Looking at planning a social gathering (Virtually) once a month. Looking for ideas let the Parent Club know anything that comes to your mind (SMSPC345@gmail.com) (suggestions are Booed, Trunk or Treat, virtual bingo, virtual wine socials)
- Eagle Run – Looking at doing a fitness challenge at home where the student can choose to do soccer, running, dancing, obstacle course) Right now the fundraising team is still brainstorming to come up with ideas. If you would like to help or have any ideas, please reach out Stephanie Lemoine (stephanie_lemoine@hotmail.com)

Next Meeting

- Thursday, September 17, 2020 @ 7PM
- Thursday, October 15, 2020 @ 7PM
- Thursday, November 19, 2020 @ 7PM