

St. Mary Parent Club

Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2019

Attendees: Kristy Clouse, Angela Watkins, Erica Fullerton, Amy Saltzman, Mandy Wilder, and Brittany Skeide

- Meeting called to order by Kristy at 6:30pm and prayer done by Mandy
- Secretary Report: no changes were made to prior meeting minutes and the minutes were approved by Kristy
 - It was also noted that Erica will now handle the “what’s happening with Parent Club” for the newsletters
- Treasurers report: There has not been a treasurer prior to this meeting, but Kristy stated that she wrote 2 checks. She is printing the statements from the bank to figure out where we are at with the account. Mandy is going to see if a debit card is an option for buying things instead of reimbursing people.
- Principals Report: School is going wonderfully. Mandy did observations with the 1st and 3rd grade teachers today and they are doing awesome. We still have 130 kids and ELC has 39, soon to be 41 (in January). 7th and 8th graders are going to Lansing Catholic soon to spend the day. 6th graders have their first band concert on the 21st at the CPAC. Robotics team has their first competition on the 23rd. There is a new language arts program called Wonders for grades 2nd through 5th, 6th grade will get theirs next week. We are testing it out a bit this year, it will be all set for next year and will incorporate 1st grade as well. Mandy is doing Exact Path – she got a free program, it pulls out the NWEA scores and provides each students with a specific path to improve their scores for NWEA. It highlights any little holes in their learning, you can also see the entire class and if they all missed a common area so the teachers can go back and look at their curriculum to see what they can change to improve the students learning. Research says if children use this 3x a week for 15 minutes they’ll increase their efficiency and growth by a higher percentage than average (NWEA gives expected growth – this will improve it). Monday and Tuesday there is school but public school off – Mandy is going to see if 7th and 8th graders want to provide lunch (which will be donated) and the cost of it will go toward their Mackinaw trip. Lisa Cook and Building Healthy Communities Committee was awarded \$500 to go towards activities for the kids and \$1500 toward staff wellness.

*Amy and Mandy will get a banner going for the school to sign for a good luck for Robotics**

- Fall Fundraiser: We are at a little over \$4400 but Amy and Mandy are working on getting the final numbers. Free dress day for any students who sold \$30 in profits will be the 22nd. Donations are still being accepted.

- Thanksgiving Day Feast: Angie will come in the morning to help Ms. N's mom with the turkeys. Kristy will be at the school the morning of the feast to lead the volunteers. Each grade will decorate their own tables, but we will supply table cloths for the alumni/guest tables. Kristy and Angie are going shopping this weekend for the feast. Mandy will check on trays and will also order milk. We are going to get final numbers from Diane on the invites but tentatively planning for 225 people. Elizabeth Siler has agreed to do all of the desserts. We will be ready to serve at 11:15am. An email needs to be sent out to all volunteers reminding them that they need to bring a hat with them.
- Christmas Musical: Dress rehearsal is December 18th at 10am with the first performance the 18th at 1pm. The next performance is the 19th at 7pm. Mandy is sending a sign up genius for volunteers to bring cookies for the reception on the 19th (4 dozen per class).
- T-Shirts: so far the Virtuous Student T-Shirts have cost roughly \$500 – Mandy is going to buy the remainder of the t-shirts needed and parent club will reimburse.
- Purse Bingo: We will hold an additional meeting for this on December 6th to discuss what happened at the Purse Bingo we are attending November 30th and to discuss details. Angie is going to work on finding purses with an average price of \$175(ish). Purse Bingo will be held May 16th. We will ask Steve Tennes for help with securing the lottery licenses needed. We will need 4 themed baskets for prizes in between the purses (every 5 purses). It was noted that in order for businesses to claim their purse donation as a marketing expense on their tax write off we have to advertise them. We will allow them to fill the purse with any promotional material they want, put a sign on the purse stating it was donated by them, and advertise them/their purse on Facebook.
- Next meeting is December 11th.
- A motion was made by Mandy for Brittany to be the new Treasurer. Erica seconded. Brittany is now the new treasurer!
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.