

School Board Meeting Principal Report

November 21, 2019

- **Activities:** Deputy Kamm teaching DARE and presenting to other classes as well; DARE graduation; Leah Imoehl from Extension and Outreach led team-building activities for grades 3-4; out-of-uniform for Advent Angels; 5th/6th to the Dbq Symphony; Susan spoke at weekend Masses; All Saints novena; preschool through grade 4 to “Have You Filled Your Bucket Today?” at the Heritage Center; Red Ribbon Week; Grandparents Day; Fall Cash Raffle; Halloween parade and parties; All-System Mass at Beckman, first 2-hour late start of the year; parent-teacher conferences, First Reconciliation parent meeting, Katlyn Gerken from COF led classroom discussions about service projects
- **Strategic Planning:** committee meeting; check-in meeting with Kim Hermsen; video meeting with consultant and other arch schools; working on foundational documents
- **Teacher In-Service:** teachers worked on portrait of a graduate; planned events
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Cookies with Santa—Saturday, December 14 from 9:00-11:00 am, open house style event with three “centers”, visit with Santa, story area, and cookie frosting; families will leave with a photo of their visit with Santa
 - Preschool Open House—Tuesday, January 14 from 6:00-7:00 pm
 - Early Literacy Carnival—Saturday, March 14 from 9:00-11:00 am
 - Fly-up Day for children coming into three-year-old preschool, April 24
 - Possibly another preschool open house in April

Old Business:

- Fall Cash Raffle made \$5775, up from last year
- DHS Certification
 - Critical first steps—center director, SING account with state for background checks, federal background check applications mailed, physicals for staff, state fire marshal inspection; once we have these items in place the DHS can give us a “permission to open” letter; then we will have a certification inspection scheduled within 120 days
 - State fire marshal—there is a very different process for DHS inspections, we need to hire a licensed design professional; “Daycares in existing buildings require evaluation to determine if remodeling is needed to bring the facility into code compliance.” An architectural plan review submittal form needs to be completed and signed by the design professional and submitted with a set of drawings sealed by an Iowa registered architect or engineer. The minimum plan review fee for the state is \$200.
 - Very little crosses between the department of education and DHS; all background checks (state and federal) need to be redone at our expense; the mandatory reporter training doesn’t cross; and student and staff files are organized differently and have different requirements

- Great Gobble Galore
 - 5th/6th setting up tables on Friday
 - Will have a map of vendors with upcoming event information on the reverse
 - Menu of walking tacos, popcorn, cookies, lemon-tang drink; pay per item or free will donation?
 - Raffle of donated items at \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5
 - Door prizes
 - Kid's games—still need corn hole and Jenga yard games

New Business:

- Substitute pay increase: WD is paying \$124 per day; area Catholic schools are paying \$120, La Salle currently pays \$100, propose increase to \$120 and \$130 for long-term sub positions starting on day 11 in same assignment
- Teacher/Staff Christmas Gift Collection
- STO: reminder about tax credit for donations; application fee for 2020, do we want to offer a scrip certificate of \$20 or \$25 for those that apply
- Fundraisers
 - Texas Road House: last April we received \$447 with \$160 coming from meal sales, \$48 from donations, and \$239 coming from 50/50 raffles and prize returns; do we want to do it again?
 - Catholic Order of Foresters matching breakfast: do we want to ask COF to host a matching funds breakfast in November 2020 with funds going to replace the kitchen range/oven?
- Service projects
 - What is the right number of projects?
 - COF—possible Feeding God's Children events could be clothing drive, toy drive, food drive; meal packing on May 1 with penny war in April
 - Jump Rope for Heart—Mr. Peetz is interested in this project, <https://www.heartfoundation.org.au/jump-rope-for-heart>
 - On-going Out-of-Uniform days
 - 5th/6th bake sales to earn money for Family Fun Night, to donate something to the school, and/or for a cause
 - WD service day—April 29, would we want to partner with a high school group to bake cookies at La Salle and then have the high school students deliver trays of goodies to homebound and elderly in Holy Cross?