

Saint Dorothy School

Development Committee

August 25, 2014 7:30 PM

Rectory

Attendees: Fr. Murphy, John Coneys, Kara Albanese, Kelly Gust, Tom Kilker, Alan Pietrewicz, Joe Dougherty, Jean Callahan, Peter McGahey, Dan O'Mara, Mrs. Sheehan, Sue Short, Nick Caramenico, Mark Romano, Bunny Habicht, Meredith Pagliaro

1. Opening Prayer: offered by Fr. Murphy
2. Minutes: Development Committee Meeting minutes from 5/19/14 meeting approved for posting to school website
3. Reading of the Mission of the Development Committee: stated below and read by Peter McGahey

The Development Committee focuses on relationship building and fundraising to support St. Dorothy School. We make recommendations to Fr. Murphy to raise funds and increase school enrollment, to seek ways to strengthen the educational experience of our children at St. Dorothy School and we work with the school community to provide leadership and support in implementing these recommendations and programs.

4. Committee welcomes new committee members: Kelly Gust, Steven Frein
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Annual Fund – presented by Tom Kilker
 - Annual Fund returns \$8K ish less than last year at this time, but donation amounts still very good (over \$70K) and more donations are expected by year end
 - No new solicitations/mailings planned but team discussed possibility of email blast from Development Committee email address. **Follow up (Habicht/ Kilker/ McGahey)**
 - b. Oktoberfest –presented by Kara Albanese

-10th Anniversary of Oktoberfest (team Nolan, Dwyer, Rodgers, Albanese hard at work!)

fair continued:

-Working with H/S for “fun” ways to generate awareness of 10th Anniversary

-Solicitation for sponsors going out very soon

-Working on plans for soliciting gift baskets- possibly request one basket from each grade

-Planning on using Sign up Genius for fair volunteers again

-Orders for prizes beginning next week

c. School Update – presented by Mrs. Sheehan

-St. Dorothy School opens Tuesday 9/2 for all students including Kindergarten. Students will attend full day classes Tuesday 9/2 - Friday 9/5*. (*Full day for K starts 9/3.) Kindergarten Orientation to be held 9/2.

-Current Enrollment: 435 students

Enrollment By Grade:

Kindergarten:	50	Grade 5:	45
Grade 1:	50	Grade 6:	45
Grade 2:	48	Grade 7:	57
Grade 3:	40	Grade 8:	47
Grade 4:	53		

-Back to School Nights 9/8 for grades K-4, 9/15 for grades 5-8

d. Home and School – presented by Meredith Pagliaro

-Fundraising Updates

-Recap of August 2014 Floccos Shoe Sale- 73 pairs of shoes sold, \$240 of Spirit Wear Sold

-Healthy balance in H/S Bank Account to start the year. Therefore, fundraising will be limited this year.

-Current funds slated for upgrading the science lab as well as annual “beginning of school” start-up costs.

-Start-up costs include but are not limited to: \$ for teacher classroom supplies, 1st in Math Program, One Call Now Program, School Assemblies, 1st Aid Certification for teachers, subscriptions.

-H/S will continue e-newsletter for 2014-2015 school year

-Follow up (Frein) - is there capability for volunteer sign-ups on the school website?

-Will have sign-ups for volunteers at Back to School Night

-H/S wants to recognize Mrs. Spinelli for her commitment to school

e. Marketing – presented by Mark Romano

-Discussion of businesses that support St. Dorothy School listing for 2014-2015 school directory

-want to begin work on Catholic Schools Week 2015 earlier in the school year

f. EITC Information – presented by Dan O’Mara & Mrs. Sheehan

-further explanation of EITC and BLOCS

-Can be a huge paperwork process filled with many follow ups for the business owner

-Once approved, it’s a 2 year commitment

-\$ can get assigned (By the gov’t) before the application process is completed

-if application not accepted there is a wait list

-St. Dorothy School received \$9000 from BLOCS this year

-may bring parishioner (J. Downey) to next Development Committee Meeting to help educate the DC on the process so that we can be champions for the cause

7. Other:

-Discussion of: current gym renovation, school dress code, pamphlet of school extra-curricular activities (created by Dani Cahill), possibility of extracurricular “activities fair” at the next school open house (Catholic Schools Week 2015), plans for renovations to gym floor, and possibility of exploring Cabrini Students to teach some science lessons to our students, Professional Day (Alan P), cleaning up of Donor Perfect address data base and 1 time cost to do so
(Habicht follow up)

8. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday 10/15 7:30 pm