



CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, December 2, 2024 6-7pm
OLOF Learning Commons

Attended: Parents – Jenni Pigozzo, Michelle McKee, Michelle Raymond, Monique Thomas, Karen Bartlett, Krista Smith, Renee Ciotti, Sarah Reel, Sarah Walwyn **Staff** - Dan Mastroianni, Steph Gorloff

Regrets: Amy Ross, Amanda O'Brien (Staff)

Review of Previous Minutes - approved

Treasurer Report

- General 15,510.07
- Foundation \$ 25,419.63
- Total 40,929.70

Principal Report

- New clubs are running, they are a bit hit with students
- Mr. Pocsai has applied for a music grant (\$5000) that would allow for ukuleles, keyboards etc. Waiting to be approved.
- A portable pickleball net and rackets have been purchased for use on the court outside.
- Weekly popcorn orders have started
- Dan is waiting for a quote for school wide spirit wear.

Updates from Prior meeting

- Grad Gift Ideas from the group
 - Michelle R spoke with Gr 8 teachers, they do a lot and would welcome our help with some of the costs. Item tabled to the new year. Think of ideas.
- Line Painting update
 - Work has been completed. Final bill was \$2339.10. Added a pickleball court and some large circles. The kids are enjoying the new and refreshed games.
- Tents for track events - 3, max budget \$1500 - keep looking for deals (Costco in 2024 there were some for \$250)
- Pancake overhaul - spatulas and griddles, max budget \$370 - still to be purchased
- Garden area around sign - no update. Concern was brought up about the height of the plants. If the Garden club starts up, could they plant something each year?
- Sports equipment for recess - \$100/classroom - not spent yet, will order in the new year.
- Wagons for Kindergarten - they still want 1 wagon. See if Costco still has them.
- Possible funding of buses for the Shades Mills trips - Grade 2/4/6/8. \$260 each, approximately 6 buses. - not enough money to fund at this time.
- Ideas for use of Foundation money
 - Soccer nets - possible, would need to get costs
 - turf or grass - likely too expensive

- Playground Options
 - Traditional range from \$46,000 (eg. St. Josephine) - \$86,000 (eg. St. Vincent de Paul)+ These would be closed for half of the school year.
 - Natural designs are in the \$80,000+ range, but could remain open all year.
 - Look into grants, for example Love my Hood (\$10,000)
 - We need to have 70% of funds required for the board to consider and a company to be called to quote.
 - We could install a few pieces at a time instead of waiting to raise all funds
 - \$100,000 fundraising goal for this project.
 - We should display this goal in the school to update families on our progress.
 - Could we run an additional fundraiser? Dan will need to request permission from the board.
 - Ideas for potential fundraiser
 - Candy grams or prize bins - Money raised is pooled and split across all students so nobody is left out. Maximum number of candy treats per student. Extras could be non food items - pencils etc.
 - Classroom raffle baskets - one theme per class.
 - Karen, Michelle M, Michelle R, Sarah W, Monique, Sarah R to organize.

Dance-a-thon wrap up

- We delivered thank you cards signed by students to businesses. These were greatly appreciated by those who received them.

Turkey Lunch update

- Renee - All businesses have been contacted and pickups set up - No Frills, Giant Tiger, Zehrs, Food Basics, Dare, Montana's. All main items are covered.
- Michelle R - Beertown may be able to donate Gluten Free buns, waiting for confirmation.
- Gift cards received can be used for remaining gluten free items - buns and treats
- Tables will be delivered the night before
- We should order another roll of brown paper. Krista to coordinate with Emily.
- There should be a tree in the VP office we can set up for decor in the gym. Kindies can create tree decor.
- Michelle R has some Christmas banners she could bring in for decor
- Ask teachers if their classes would be able to make some Christmas art to be hung around the gym.
- 2 seatings, kids will be encouraged to sit with friends, not just with their class.

Christmas Events

- Spirit days during the last week - check school calendar for details
- Dec 17, 1pm Christmas Extravaganza - All classes perform, parents welcome
- Dec 18, 6pm Choir Concert - all welcome

Nutrition for Learning

- Budget has been drastically cut across the board
- We received a grant last year and had \$11,000 to spend
- School is being cautious with orders this year as we haven't received another grant.
- Encourage parents to make a donation online - if school is selected in the drop down menu it goes to our school.
- We could have a food donation day where families who are able donate the specific items we use - goldfish, apple sauce etc. Could be set up on the Christmas concert days.

Teacher Wishlists

- Mme. Grenier is looking into french home reading books. Dan said there may be a separate fund that would pay for these.

Confirmation/First Communion Gifts

- Confirmation was last week. Gifts were handed out, we are out of them now.
- First Communion gifts, Michelle M has the remaining supply, she will return to the school and we can confirm we have enough for this year.

Next Meeting - February 4th