

PTO Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2018

Prepared By: Michelle Briede, Secretary

Started 8:35am

- 1) Opened with Prayer
- 2) Introductions – 21 in attendance
- 3) Principal Update:
 - a. Celebrating a recent high in enrollment. 317 students enrolled Kinder-8th with a full preschool.
 - b. Uniform Update - Uniform company discussed. Huge need to have every family complete the online survey. Survey is available in the Cardinal Call and will be coming out again Friday. Due to overwhelming concern, we are seriously considering switching uniform company. If a change is needed a parent committee will meet to determine next steps.
 - c. Pictures - Preschool pictures tomorrow. K-8 Thursday.
 - d. First school Mass is Friday at 10am.
 - e. MAP testing begins Monday for 2 weeks for grades 2-8, all done online
 - f. Accreditation update – visit was scheduled for November and is now moved to March.
 - g. Sock Hop – Kids can't wait for Sock-Hop September 28th.
 - h. Blessing of the Animals October 4th at 8:30 AM. Parents are welcome to bring their animals.
- 4) Facebook Page – many families have stepped off Facebook. Will have all info go out in Cardinal Call.
- 5) Room Parents - should really come to PTO meetings to ensure communications are pushed down to classrooms. Room Parent coordinator is Crystal (not in attendance) will work to push down info. Room Parent are in tasked to getting with all information to all classroom parents. Coordinate parties, organize parents, support teacher needs. Typically want 2 per grade.
- 6) Enrollment and Development (Eddie and Laura) Update
 - a. “A culture of giving”. Allow the community to “gift” to School to help cover costs of school events & activities. Goal to tap into the Good Will of our PTO to champion advancing the mission of the school. Make a difference in the lives of our children, now and in the future. Give More 24 – Sept 20th, this is the 24 hour day of giving. Page is active now, but donations can't be made until the 20th. Currently have \$24,000 of matched gifts.
 - b. Rock 24 September 20th 3-4pm Shaved Ice and Popcorn. Open to the public. Rock Families can set up their own page and share electronically.
 - c. Variable Tuition – Goal is to make St Joseph School more accessible to more families in our community. Reductions are facilitated through give more 24 and Auction. Tuition is matched between 20-70%. Would still go through FACTS. Introduction will do done through a grass roots. Does not impact the subsidy through the Parish currently. Capacity is 450. Currently at 6% growth.

- 7) Sock Hop – Dana/Jen/Brandee (co-chairs) – Friday the 28th. Can wear their dance outfits to school that day. \$10 per family admission. Details to come in Fridays Cardinal Call. Super fun assembly end of day. All School Pep Rally at 2:15. Families are welcome to attend. Check volunteer spot for time and items needed. We still need a LOT of help.
- 8) NEED A TREASURER: Amy Maxwell has volunteered.
- 9) Recognition – thank you to Erin for all her work in August!!!
- 10) Spirit Wear – Contensa (Chair)– We sold out of everything last year. Still need co-chair to sell Spirit Wear at pickup the night before, and drop off the morning of Spirit Day.
Spirit Wear Dates are: 9/21, 10/26, 11/30, 12/14, 1/18, 2/22, 3/29, 4/26, 5/10 and 6/7
- 11) Conferences – October 18th and 19th – PTO runs teacher dinner and next day lunch. Dinner Theme is Italian. Lunch theme is sandwiches and salad/soup. It's Potluck. 60 total staff to accommodate.
- 12) Sign-ups – PTO needs more parent involvement. Need people to share the work. All sign-ups will go out 2-weeks in advance of event.

Meeting adjourned 10am.