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- First PTO Meeting of the school year, done via Zoom, 26 people called in

Opening Prayer – Kathy Lundy, Principal

Welcome and school update – Kathy Lundy

- 1) PTO – Not very structured this year. Taking a Group Approach. Will have folks that want to handle specific events and want to take on leadership roles. No PTO President this year. Kathy will connect with prior leadership to make decisions.
- 2) Bringing kids back into the building – following guidelines but recognizing the need to get kids in while being safe with hybrid model.
 - a) Schedule will remain the same for the most part. Many families will continue to stay at home. Focus on small group work with younger kids. Rotating periods for older kids that will allow students to see all teachers.
- 3) Saddened that we haven't been able to extend the usual warm welcome to new families since all the usual fun events couldn't be held. Will work on ways to help connect.
- 4) Principal personal background – Kathy was at St. Joe's for 14 years previously. 11 years as VP. Really happy to be back.
- 5) Overview of what we have already done:
 - a) Teacher Appreciation - Have tried to keep a few things consistent. Special THANKS to Sue Ainaridi and other who have done some wonderful things for Teacher Appreciation. Parents giving thanks to staff by showing up with treats and is very appreciated.
 - b) Uniform Exchange - Many new volunteers have helped. Several new families to the school helped to get everything organized. This year, we still need someone to Chair officially for the year.
 - c) Sock Hop Postponed – We will try to add back in the Spring. Need some families to plan the event. If you signed up the help in the past or on volunteer forms over the summer staff will reach out to you directly.
 - d) Spirit Wear Shirts – Ordered and will be available later today. If we run out we will place a second order.
- 6) Future Activities
 - a) Wreath Sale -on pause this year. with Lisa Scully's guidance. Thanks to Lisa for all her work.
 - b) Halloween Ideas and Drive Through Parade – Creating a side committee with families to brainstorm what can be done. Will do many activities through teachers that can be done at home. Car parade to ensure we are as safe as possible. Staff will dress up. Invite PTO to decorate cars. Provide treats and toothbrushes!
- 7) Safe Environment class is being planned so new families can volunteer – will announce when organized. Cannot have volunteers onsite now. Teresa Stuhrman is the contact for this.
- 8) Volunteer Sign-ups - We will reach out to families who have signed up through the summer packet. Hope to get the ball rolling. Parents in Prayer, Box Tops, Restaurant nights etc.
- 9) Much of what PTO has done in the past is on hold - but we can get creative virtually.
- 10) Auction – will be virtual this year.
- 11) Goal – how to make the holidays important and special.
- 12) PTO Open Positions – Michelle continuing as secretary. Treasurer, et all being handled by office currently and now asking for parent help to take over these roles.
- 13) It's been asked – how can we help teachers? Front office is trying their best to help. Welcome ALL families that want to provide help. Goal to lift everyone up to make the work environment as positive as possible. Thank You's! Emails mean a lot. Bring things

to drop off for teachers boxes. Notes, goodies, etc. Teachers really value hearing the positives!

Q&A:

PTO meetings – future meetings, 2nd Tuesday of month at 9am via Google Meet till further notice. Meetings will be recorded and sent via email upon request.

Meeting adjourned – approximately 9:30am