



Blessed Sacrament Parent Teacher Student Association
Tuesday, January 10th, 2011

Attendees: Mr. Kruthaupt, Father Chris Hellstrom, Maureen Matsuura, Elizabeth Panter, Amy Degenhart, Julie Michalek, Lisa Boeckman, Shana Krakowiecki

Opening Prayer- Father Chris Hellstrom

Outstanding Business

- Approval of December Minutes- Approved

Current Business

- 1) Update on recruitment for PTSA positions
 - a) President position is still vacant. Elizabeth will create an advertisement to put into the Blue and Gold, Fast Direct and through the room parents emails. Mr. Kruthaupt will also ask for help in the body of his letter since parents seem to read this more than the links.
- 2) Christmas Bonus Campaign
 - a) Review final Christmas bonus totals- we raised \$15,000. The PTSA paid the payroll taxes on the bonus, this was \$1300. This was close to what was given to the staff last year. Staff is appreciative of the bonus and would like us to continue.
 - b) Feedback on solicitation- Letter where clear, and it was well advertised. Shana recommends that we send out a letter to room parents around November 1 reminding them of the collection. Some classrooms had already started collecting monies for a gift. The first email went out to room parents November 28 this year. This is also included in the Room parent orientation.
- 3) Cafeteria Update
 - a) Salad bar update- Elizabeth spoke with a few administrators in larger public schools regarding a salad bar. One issue with a traditional salad bar is that the line can get congested and move slowly. It can also be difficult to keep germ free with children. One idea is to have "convenient" prepared dishes. For example a tub of veggies or fruit, or the grab and go concept. This can be prepared ahead of time, and can be stored longer. Elizabeth is going to look into a grant offered by the American Dietary Association.
 - b) Johnson & Wales update- Elizabeth also spoke with Marlene Swanson, a Professor at Johnson and Wales. Johnson and Wales may have a few students interested in an internship looking at making school cafeteria food healthier. Marlene will follow up with Elizabeth once school is back in session.
- 4) Family Sock Hop Update-
 - a) The Family Sock Hop is 2/2/12 from 630-830. Mindy Franks and Kim Tighe are chairing the event.
 - b) The sock hop is for PS-5th grade. Mr. Kruthaupt will make sure that it is placed on the school calendar.
 - c) Lisa Boeckman will make a flyer.
 - d) The flyer should advertise the Family Sock Hop stressing that this is a family event and children are not to be dropped off.

- e) Discussed ways to encourage parents to stay. Plan to have a drawing for 2 tickets to the auction. The PTSA will purchase 2 tickets to give away. Amy has old raffle tickets that can be used. Parents will be given tickets for the drawing at the door. We also plan to have a crazy sock contest. The student with the craziest socks at the
- f) Family Sock hop will win donuts and coco for their class the following week.
- g) Mr. Kruthaupt will make sure there are no conflicting basketball practices on Thursday, February 2.
- h) Volunteers- Shana will send out a sly reply for 5 volunteers to help set up and 5 volunteers to help clean up.
- i) Julie will confirm with Mindy what time they will be setting up.
- 5) Finances & Fundraising
 - a) Finance report- Nothing new to report
 - b) Staff Christmas party went great. The staff was appreciative of the extra \$500 given for the party this year.
 - c) Teacher Appreciation/Birthday party- this is usually after the Wednesday mass of Catholic Schools week. This comes earlier this year, February 1st. Amy will check with Noelle Jung the Art teacher to see if she can have the gifts ready this soon. This may be too difficult with the upcoming auction. If February is too close to the auction then we will move it to May 2.
- 5) Funding requests- None currently.
 - a) Upcoming requests may be Smart Boards, Basketball Hoops for the elementary playground and a new elementary playground. Good Shepard has received new playground equipment through a Grant and has donated their old equipment to us. There will be upcoming costs to get it set up. Mr. Kruthaupt will keep us updated as these requests get closer.
 - b) No requests have been voted on or approved.
- 6) New Business
 - a) Potential Upcoming Spirit Nights
 - b) Discussed at length about decided on something to put the funds raised during Spirit night to a cause and advertising. We discussed gym improvements, PS playground improvements etc. After discussion it was decided to keep it general at this time until we have a better idea of what the needs of the school are. This way we can research what is needed and put together a few bids for the costs of the project.
 - c) Places to consider for Spirit nights
 - d) Steve's Snap'n Dog- Lisa has spoke with Steve's Snap'n Dog. She will follow up with them with the details and try to arrange something in the next month.
 - e) Chipotle- Julie has a contact at Chipotle and will look into a Spirit night here.
 - f) Noodles and Company- Elizabeth will contact Noodles for information on a Spirit night.
 - g) Buffalo Wild Wings- Shana will contact Buffalo Wild Wings for information on a Spirit night.
 - h) If successful the PTSA will look for a Spirit night coordinator.

Next Meeting – February 7th, 2012 at 630.