**PTO Meeting Minutes**

December 11, 2018

McDonough Hall

*Present: Meg Bigane, Laura Milder, Susan Povilaitis, Kenna MacKinnon, Amy Crilly, Jennifer Fox, RJ McMahon, Megan Patterson, Joanne Biemer, Kelly Richard, Danielle Kucera, Kristen Reale*

**Presidents’ Report (Fox/Crilly)**

* **PTO Website**: The PTO website has been updated with improved functionality. Please visit <https://www.stgilesschool.org/st-giles-pto/> to browse important information and find access to handy quick links.
* **Alioto’s**: Thank you to everyone who shopped to support St. Giles at Alioto’s last week. Our percentage will go to support the Christmas Bonus Fund.
* **Volunteer Hours**: To date, we have hours recorded from approximately 56 families but know that there are more families out there that have just not entered your valuable time (think Halloween parties, Junior High Dances, Primary Thanksgiving Feast, etc.). Please be sure to visit the Volunteer Page on the website and record your hours [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001amQaz7An3-B6sjYzH612l8OmtR46RZBJH48VwEo8o7eEyylqDsvrhDL95PPX9wCI5tiYYpzE109mzRaIkcMEhe7yPwFhKt0F3CGx38gMMbSafBX9KcADXChAh8MHL_BVRoLg4QbAweawPAfEejO5oY7WZ3eqk_IKgbOiSQeDr1V9R-EN1Ad81Xd3Lo2iqkcX-Bg1_UiiiONWvUittO3UrmhHB518KPxNx6kxfxjiv9UjyPHhtFfCs4per6N6jVIGZQpc3o7rlhsmU4KNXXQEj07OWtqN_tjw&c=P6Ezk5qAu08pHlDSfJ6zj74g88nTAipZ9kEpoZNKcoc4Wq3f9sGLVA==&ch=k-lbDHpSgpcbawKVgFPPiCClh0WfCgrM3wVYcreLy_8b_RMZVr6eWQ==" \t "_blank).

**Principal’s Report (Bigane)**

* **Computer Readiness**: Typing will be offered as an enrichment class in the next session and we will look to incorporate more typing practice into curriculum
* **Aspire Interims**: Will begin short testing in January. These are smaller tests than spring Aspire testing and teachers use these results to gauge efficiency of current instruction.
* **Teacher Observations Underway**:
  + Provides concrete information based on what is observed
  + 3 walk-through observations, 2 informal observations, 1 formal observations
  + Teachers have appreciated the feedback
* **Flood Recovery**: Teachers really pulled together and helped reorganize new classrooms. Reinforces the spirit of our community.

**Treasurer’s Report (Biemer)**

* **Christmas Bonus Fund**
  + Last push for Christmas Bonus Fund
  + Deadline is Thursday, December 13th
  + Send cash or check donations in your child’s folder or look for volunteers at school pick-up and drop-offs

**Committee Reports**

*Trivia Night*

* Raised about $5,000, had 15 teams of 8
* Money will go towards the outdoor classroom

*Diversity and Inclusion*

* Planning a meeting
* Will incorporate African American Heritage Mass in February

*Catholic Schools Week*

* Megan is working on PK Pro Kids Show (Tim Hanning) – Thursday of Catholic Schools Week (www.pkshow.com)

*Wellness*

* Joey FineRhyme a speaker acquired at a discount through a consortium of op/rf schools and Seven Generations Ahead may come to give motivational speech to kids about energy, climate and waste – would be around Earth Day. St. Giles will find out this week about grant

**Upcoming Events:**

North Avenue District Revitalization Planning Meeting: The next phase of the North Avenue Dirstrict Revitalization Planning meeting Wednesday, December 12th from 5:30-6:30pm. Please contact Jennifer or Amy for more details if you are interested in attending

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us!

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The next PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 7pm in the McDonough Hall conference room.

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Reale