

PTO Meeting Minutes 2/12/19

Attendance:

Jennifer Fox, Amy Crilly, Meg Bigane, Kenna MacKinnon, Erika Montgomery, Erica Hilgart, Laura Milder, Heather Kroll, RJ McMahon, Kelly Richard, Julia Harmon Bell, Marquerite Roza, Maria Agozo, Susan Povilaitis

Amy Crilly offered the prayer.

Thank you to all of the volunteers coordinating Catholic Schools Week, especially Megan Patterson, Jennifer Sabatino, Julia Bell, Megan Gibbs and Amy Crilly.

Diversity & Inclusion Committee held their inaugural meeting last week. They have a tentative mission statement that includes three main components: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion. They intend to hold monthly meetings on a Tuesday and seek as much involvement from others as possible to encourage a full representation of the diversity in our St. Giles School Community. They seek to provide trainings for teachers and select monthly topics to showcase different cultures. Their meetings will provide a safe place for dialogue surrounding diversity and inclusion issues.

Meeting locations – if committees wish to schedule meetings and parish spaces are full, the school has meeting rooms that can be used.

President's Report – The main concern around campus is the safety of the drop off/pickup. Parents are displaying unsafe and disrespectful behavior in their actions and language that are not representative of the community. Staff are stationed at key areas to guide safe traffic, but if their safety remains a concern the practice will be altered. A suggestion was made to have the police stationed at the school for a week to ticket unsafe and illegal behavior. In addition, children continue to be crossed in the middle of the block (jaywalking), which is particularly unsafe with cars weaving in and out of traffic lanes.

Executive Director's Report – The classrooms affected by the flooding (107 and 201) are nearing completion. The process has gone smoothly with very little cost to the school since Archdiocesan insurance covered most of the cost. In addition, some enhancements have been made to the classroom to create a future science lab space with a sink.

PTO is collecting Box Tops for submission in early March. The last submittal raised \$760 for the PTO. Volunteers are scheduled to cut and organize the box tops.

Marla's Lunch seems to be a popular addition among families with no complaints. Refunds were given for duplication of lunches during the altered buddy lunch schedule.

Variety Show is scheduled for May 17th, and a cochair for Heather Kroll would be helpful. She is seeking additional parent volunteers to help during practices. Kenna MacKinnon offered to coordinate the 7th graders to provide concessions for the event as a kickoff in 8th grade fundraising for the following year.

Enrichment Play is currently scheduled for Friday, May 24th, though there may be conflicts with that date.

Stage production questions were raised – operation of a/v equipment, replacement of bulbs, renting spotlights, fixing scoreboard on stage side.

Wellness – Joey Fine Rhymes is coming to speak 3/22. Though initially planned for the gym, Susan Povilaitis will explore the possibility of using McDonough Hall to utilize the projector and screen. If held in gym, speaker will need assistance managing the a/v. There will be two presentations, and the division of classes will be determined by location. Susan will discuss the presentations with the science teachers, who can include relevant topics in their teaching plans leading up to and following the speaker to help meet grant requirement for funding.

Family cooking school event at Sugar Beet Schoolhouse is scheduled for Sunday, February 24th.

March Madness Squares will be sold again this year, at bowling this week and Jam the Gym 3/12.

Plant Sale orders will be taken through 3/18.