**PTO Meeting Minutes**

March 8th, 2018

McDonough Hall

*Present: Jennifer Fox, Marguerite Roza, Julia Harmon Bell, Sarah Arnett, Susan Polvilaitis, Amy Crilly, Heather Kroll, Kenna MacKinnon, Kristen Reale, Kim Murawski, Laura Milder, Anastasiya Balaban, Stacy Senechelle, Jennifer Fox, Becky Mongiat, Stacy McEnery, Kathy Lofgren, Joanne Biemer*

**Presidents’ Report (MacKinnon/Fox)**

Kenna shared the following updates:

* **Outdoor Classroom Grant**: Received $2,000 grant from Whole Foods for the Outdoor Classroom. Thank you to Muriel Quinn for her hard work in submitting the grant
* **Volunteer Hours**: During CSW, rolled out incentives to students of parents who volunteer or contribute. At beginning of next school year, will load into Signup.com all the volunteer opportunities available for the year (PTO, School Board, Misc). Additionally, will roll out a monthly recap of all possible volunteer opportunities for the month. Will make clear what activities need Virtus-trained volunteers.
* **Recess Safety:** Barricades now at both entrances and lunch monitors actively aware of activity around those barriers

**Principal’s Report (Murawski)**

* Confirmation sacrament held on March 3rd - beautiful day and wonderful homily by Bishop
* Students will all go to reconciliation before Easter
* Had two lockdown drills last week – one with local sergeant
  + Local police (Officer Verge) going to talk to the teachers on March 21st about safety procedures
  + Stacy going to work with office to create some shades for classroom doors
* Group discussion about posting about school matters on social media
* Principal search is underway
* National Call for Peace (3/14) – will address with kids in a prayerful way during both school masses (on Tuesday and Wednesday)
* Fine Arts Fest – scheduled for evening of April 25th

**Communications (Reale)**

* March Madness and Plant Sale Fundraisers currently open online
* SchoolRush app being rolled out in the Spring for testing

**Treasurers’ Report (Crilly)**

* Almost all enrichment paid up

**Committee Reports**

**Wellness (Povilaitis)**

* Good feedback from the cooking event at SugarBeet. Need more instruction/staff direction from SugarBeet.
* Digital Natives speaker cancelled
* Will look at other speaker opportunities

**Variety Show (Kroll)**

* Scheduled for 5/18
* Theme is “Giles Got Talent”
* Will start promoting next week

**Enrichment (MacKinnon)**

* Spring schedule being finalized and registrations will begin end of March
* Session starts after Spring Break
* New addition of Garden Club

**Faith and Family (Fox)**

* March 20th – 5th/6th Great Grades Mass
* Ms. Gomez working with committee as teacher liaison

**Spring/Summer Book Fair Fundraiser (Milder)**

* Need summer reading lists from teachers
* Students will get completion credit for summer reading
* June 1st/2nd is the date for event

**Year-End Picnics/Room Parents (MacKinnon)**

* ¾ have not spent room parent money
* Discussion about reconfiguring school picnics
  + PreS – own picnic on school playground
  + Kindergarten – own picnic on school playground
  + 1st/2nd/3rd – Taylor Park
  + 4th/5th/6th – Lindberg Park
  + 7th/8th – Lindberg Park (half day) – parents in charge of food, teachers continue to run activities

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Reale