

PTO Board Meeting August 11, 2017

Present: Sr. Maria Benedicta, Tim Fletcher, Tricia Powers, Elyse Cloran, Meg Linden, Katie Broach, Lisa Strojinc, Anne Casavant, Tami Jurewicz

Principal's update:

- Raider Roundup was a big success! Thanks to Tricia Powers for getting the ice cream ready beforehand.
 - Kindergarten Orientation and Newcomers' Orientation went well; no issues.
 - The parent coffee reception after school drop off on the first day was very well received.
 - Junior High Orientation is coming up on August 15th.
 - Meet the Teacher night is coming up on August 22nd.
 - The back to school Teacher Luncheon was much appreciated!
 - OLMC birthday: OLMC turns 61 on September 4th, 2017! We will observe it on 9/1/17. We will be providing cake for all the students.
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Vice Principal's Update:

- New lunchroom updates:
 - There was good feedback from the first day; however, the lines took about 10 minutes to get through. The goal is 6 minutes. This was partially due to parents serving the new lunch options for the first time, and the fact that lunch cards were not available yet.

- The teachers will collect lunch orders each morning to give Kathy an estimate of how much of each type of food to prepare.
 - Students providing pre-orders will be helpful, but will need some streamlining. For example, on day one, the junior high ordered 3 deli sandwiches but ate 50.
 - Parents helping with lunch duty may need to ask students what they ordered rather than giving the students choices once they are in the line.
 - Students' lunch bills may be higher, as there are options to buy multiple sides/additional items, and/or even additional entrees.
 - Any items with a price tag are not included in the lunch price.
 - Milk or water bottles are included in the lunch price.
 - Students in the 5th grade and up will have more drink options.
 - We will be using the payforit system again. There will be a software upgrade soon; parents ultimately will be able to look at the day's itemized lunch purchases each evening.
 - Parents are encouraged to discuss lunch choices with their children each week or month.
 - Students will be surveyed on likes and dislikes with the new menus.
 - Adult lunches will also be \$3.50.
 - The kitchen staff are now employed by Aladdin, and OLMC will get invoiced.
 - We needed to purchase more kitchen items like rolling carts for the new system, so year one may be over budget. Year two is expected to break even, and by year three, we may see a small profit.
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Treasurers' Update:

- We will discuss the 2016/2017 year end budget at the next meeting.
 - Highlights of today's budget discussion: June 2017
 - Income included \$20.29 in interest and \$730.21 from Chik-Fil-A.
 - The Kroger income will be recorded in July's financials
 - Expenses included the End of Year PTO meeting, classroom parties, the fourth quarter Raider Reporter printing costs, the End of Year Teacher Luncheon, and the Gaga pit.
 - The End of Year total income is \$59,687.43; we budgeted for \$46,157. Extra income will be used for DIBELS licenses, BenQ parts for the computer lab, the initial loss of the new lunch program purchases, and the payforit system upgrade cost.
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Old Business:

- The Raider Roundup was a great success! We served 475 bowls of ice cream. We used Vacation Bible School extras; we will need to plan for more ice cream next year.
 - Ideas for next year include combining some of the newcomers' activities with Raider Roundup, such as tours of the school. This way, all the students could find their classrooms and meet their teachers before the first day of school. They could also drop off their school supplies. New students could also meet their "buddy families" at this time.
 - We could consider starting with the tours and then meeting in the gym for ice cream and used uniform sales (the logistics of bringing the ice cream to the gym without it melting would be difficult, though).

- This would necessitate paying the teachers for their time and having them get their classrooms ready earlier than usual; it would need to be included in their contracts.
 - The used uniform sale was not well utilized this year due to its location in the gym. Also, many families turned in their uniforms for sale right before Raider Roundup, so these were not available for sale.
 - Haley Church plans to hold a monthly sale in the gym loft.
- Update on the first day of school: Parents have been walking their children in on the first day; this is a tradition that may need to change due to crowding and difficulty starting the day. We need to see how the teachers feel about this. We could consider just having the parents walk the kindergarteners and first graders in.
 - The Newcomers' Meeting had good attendance.
 - There was a good turnout for the Parent Breakfast Reception after drop off on the first day; however, it was awkward waiting for the students to be dismissed from the parish hall. We could consider moving the reception to the Holy Family Room. We may also need to send out additional reminders in the principal's parent letter and on the Raider Moms Facebook page, etc.
- Thanks to Maria Bedford for planning a great Teacher Luncheon!
- Thanks to Jaclyn VanWoerkom for taking over the Scrip Program. The transition has been seamless.
- We have had a response from 98 families for the Volunteer Sign Up spreadsheet so far. Jennifer will send out a reminder email today. We have a good start on potential chairs for each program.

New Business:

- Meet the Teacher night is on 8/15/17 for the 7th and 8th grades, and on 8/22/17 for the remainder of the grades.
- Elyse Cloran is working with the 8th graders to take leadership of planning the 8th Grade Carwash.
- Movie night is planned for Friday, September 15th. This is chaired by Sarah Sansone.
- The Mother's Mass and Brunch will be on 10/9/17. Gina Snyder and Erin Sullivan are the chairs. The Ritz Charles and the speaker have been reserved.
- The PTO members will share an adoration hour this year.
- Elyse Cloran will send out an email about rosaries prior to carpool.

Next meeting: Friday, September 15, 9 am-10 am, John Bosco Room