

PTO Board Meeting January 19, 2018

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

Principal's Update:

- 2nd Quarter ended January 12th; report cards will be sent home Wednesday, January 24th
 - Catholic Schools Week is the last week in January.....several fun activities are being planned! Out of uniform days, Out of Carpool passes for parents, etc. Check upcoming Messages from the Mount for more details.
 - March for Life on January 22nd; 12:00 mass at St. John the Evangelist Church, students may be picked up to attend (will count as an excused absence). 6:30pm Youth Rally which Sisters will be attending.
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Vice Principal's Update:

- First E-day for a snow day successful! No concerns/problems reported from parents.
- Geography Bee rescheduled for Friday, January 19th.
- OLMC STEM night organized by the Boy Scouts will be April 19th 6:00pm in the gym. Any parents working in STEM related fields will be asked if his/her company would be willing to set up a booth for that evening.
- Playground: It was decided to repair parts of current playground instead of replacing the entire playground. A new quote received to replace the big slide and to have by spring: \$2500. Someone has graciously offered to donate shipping on this item (\$1500 cost). The money to replace the slide will come from the Wish List fund. For next year, some platforms and steps need to be replaced.

- The building of a shed is still being discussed to house playground/recess equipment. Perhaps an Eagle Scout would be interested in working on this project, once approved? A cart on wheels was suggested for the interim.
 - Administration is still evaluating the kindergarten program for next year (options for full day/half day).
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Treasurer's Update:

- \$15,000 in PTO Reserve fund
 - \$36,000 made from SCRIP sales last school year
 - After March 1st, the use of SCRIP funds will be discussed (amount 8th grade will receive for Washington DC trip, wish list items, etc.)
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Old Business:

- Both the St. Nicholas Workshop and Visit were a great success.
- Teacher and Specials Christmas Gifts: Parents can continue to choose to participate in contributing to gift cards for a group gift, or give their own individual gifts.
- Staff Christmas Party: Thank you to Melissa Kolb for hosting! The party was great fun for all!
- Chick-fil-A Day Spirit Day: continues to be successful!
- Classroom Holiday Parties: All went well; no problems reported per Leah Payne.
- SCRIP sales continue to be great! Thank you Jaclyn Van Woerkom for your continued efforts!
- MHC Generosity Project Update: A huge thank you to Kimberly Hamilton for talking to children about the Generosity Project and organizing donations for the Community Care Day (January 20th). Thank you also Tami Jurewicz!

New Business:

- Faith Rally is scheduled for Friday February 2nd. 700 super cool shirts were ordered for the school children.
- Family Skate Day is scheduled for Sunday, Feb 4th (yes, Superbowl Sunday, but this was the only day available) from 4:30 – 6:00pm at Carmel Ice Skadium.
- Mardi Gras Parties are scheduled for Tuesday, February 13th. For those grades participating, valentines will be exchanged that day, since Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th this year.
- Gently Used books and toys drive scheduled this week, January 22nd – 26th. See Messages from the Mount for more information.
- Catholic Schools Week – Haley Church organizing school tours scheduled for Wednesday January 31st; Teachers Luncheon scheduled on the same day as the Faith rally. Tami Jurewicz to set up sign up genius for volunteers. Due to a great success last year, Mexican will be the theme again.
- Movie Night is Friday, April 20th at 5:30 for 3rd and 4th grades.
- A reminder to be sent out to parents to check Kroger card to see if it needs to be re-registered so OLMC continues to receive a portion of the sales.

Next Meeting: Friday, February 9th, 11:00 – 12:00, St. Jerome Library