

Minutes from the September 13, 2011 Home & School Association Meeting – Elementary School Cafeteria

Becky Haug, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
Mrs. Burg opened the meeting with a prayer and the salute to the American Flag.
Each person present introduced themselves.
Everyone signed the Meeting sign-in sheet to register for the tuition vouchers.

Approval to accept the May 17, 2011 meeting minutes without review– Liz Snyder motioned to approve and Holly Lyle second the motion.

Bonnie Reich read the tuition voucher program to those present.

Treasurer's Report – Michele Resch

As of this date, the account has \$2,737.12 in it. We still need to give a check in the amount of \$500.00 to the school for the winners of the voucher drawing held in May, 2011. As one of the winners was a parent of an 8th grade student, they were permitted to use their voucher to cover the rest of the tuition due for the 2010/2011 school year.

Principal's Report – Mrs. Burg:

On opening day of school, there were 177 students. The school budget for 2011/2012 was based on 180 students. Due to expenses exceeding income, OLA had to borrow money from the Diocese to cover the difference for the 2011/2012 school year. The school did collect past due tuition that went towards this year's budget. Are reminded to start thinking towards the future, where textbooks may no longer be utilized. The school purchased 5 Net Books for the students to use, as opposed to going to the computer room. They are kept on the 3rd floor of the Elementary Building. The teachers are working hard on their classroom websites and hope to have them up and running very soon.

The Family Folder has been eliminated and everything that needs to go home will now be posted in the Friday Folders on the website.

Due to the 2 days of school lost to the flooding, Martin Luther King Day and the Friday of the President's Day Holiday will be used as make-up days, unless the Federal Government deems those lost days do not need to be made up.

Mrs. Burg also discussed the ITBS. The test results indicate that while our students are strong in Spelling and Science, they need improvement in Math. Specifically Concepts, ideas, Computations & Estimations. Students are monitored 3 times per year via testing. In order to help the students gain strength in the Math area, the teachers have come up with a plan to better assist the students. They will use more word problems; use math & science in other subject areas; developed the First in Math Club; have the students practice ore with Mad Minute and other games; and they will also give parents tools to help the students at home. 2nd Grade students will not be using a Math Textbook, but rather utilizing one via the computer. A disc will be sent home for parents, so that they may help their children and to review what is being taught.

Keep in mind, the ITBS is only one part of the entire grade system. Other components are weekly work, Dibels, and daily class work. If you need more information regarding the ITBS, please contact Mrs. Burg via email.

Upcoming Events/Fundraisers:

Wolfgang's: All orders and money is due back to school by Friday, September 23. Pick up date is November 18th.

Sub Sale: starts September 30th, due back by October 14th with delivery on October 26th

Bridge Bust: preparing baked goods will be Friday September 30th and the event is Saturday October 1st. Liz Snyder will put something in both Parish bulletins, asking for donations of baked goods and other supplies for the stand. Becky Haug will double check to make sure that we can use the same spot as last year. If you can spare even just an hour to help at the stand or help the night before to prepare, please contact Liz or one of the Home & School Officers.

Hoss' Night: is Monday October 3rd. You must present the flyer with our school code on, in order for OLA to receive the profit. Please keep in mind, Bonnie Reich also has SCRIP for Hoss', so please contact her to get your SCRIP before that night.

Enjoy the City Coupon Book Sale: starts October 21st.

Halloween Parade: is Thursday October 27th and the theme this year is "The Return of the Summer Block Buster". It was decided that we are not having a float this year, but if enough families are interested, we can have a group of students, wearing their uniforms or gym uniforms, walk the parade in order to promote the school. It was also mentioned that the Lion's club has a hard time finding children to carry the banners that mark each division of the parade. IT was suggested that maybe our students could do that, wearing their gym uniforms to also help promote the school and to give back to the community. Michele Resch will send out an email to parents, to see who would like to sign up either of these.

Harvest Festival: is held by the teachers on October 28th from 12:30 to 2pm. K3 children may attend as long as they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.

New Business:

My Coke Rewards: this is another simple way to earn points for the school to cash in for items we need. We just collect points from bottle caps or inside the cardboard box for canned soda. We can also set up collection areas in the vestibules of both parishes, with permission from each Priest.

Bon Ton Coupon Sale: we can sell \$5.00 coupon books that are good for Customer Appreciation days set for November 11th and 12th. We are also permitted to sit outside the store and sell them on that day; however, we would also be selling alongside other groups who are also using this as a fundraiser for their school, scout troop, etc. We can do this at either the York Galleria or Park City Center. Becky will get more information and email out the details to us.

Candle Sale: We received information for a candle fundraiser. We will review the information and decide if this is something new we may want to try next year.

Cook Books: Mandy Havrilla brought up the idea to sell a school cookbook. She will get us more information for further review and possibly we may do that next year as well.

Open Discussion:

Mandy Havrilla asked if her child in K3 sells a qualifying amount of Wolfgang's, may she pass on the dress down days to other family members, since K3 does not wear uniforms. Mrs. Burg will look into this, as this has never been brought up before.

Liz Snyder suggested a Beef & Beer Fundraiser. She said that it is a lot of work for one day, but there is the possibility to raise a lot of money for the school.

Felicia Knowlton has stepped down as Chairperson for the Good Samaritan Club. She is still willing to assist as needed and her schedule permits. This is truly a wonderful way for us to give back to those in need in our school, whether it's due to a health crisis, death or birth in the family, or a traumatic event like a fire or flood. We need one person to be the main contact, who can then coordinate with other volunteers to assist. In most cases, only 1 or 2 people are needed. There may be times when we ask everyone to donate something so a gift basket may be made for the family in need.

Don't forget to sign up your Musser's Gold Card or your Giant A plus card so that the school and your child can benefit from shopping you already do. Don't forget to ask family and friends to sign up too!

Uniform Exchange: Please remember to send in school and gym uniforms that you no longer need. Becky Haas runs our Uniform Exchange and has some sizes in stock. If you need a certain size, contact Becky and if she has it available for you, she will send it in to school for you.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.