

ECCSS PTO BOARD MEETING
Held November 12, 2013
at the New Administration Building

Present: Mary Agnes Marshall, Mary Beth Schaut, Jeanne Dippold, Mary Lynn Carnovale, Bonnie Pearson, Tricia Bauer, Julie Heary, JC Fritz, Ann Caskey, Melanie Meyer, Gina Pistner, Kelli Brannock, Sandy Florig, and John Schneider.

Excused: Amanda Hager and Mary Tettis

Guest: Fr. Richard Allen

6:04 p.m. - Fr. Allen opened the meeting with a prayer. Last meeting's minutes were approved by Melanie, and seconded by Mary Lynn.

Principals' Report

Mary Beth Schaut (Elementary)

Nov. 21 – All-school mass and play highlights at ECCHS. (Will be a No Rotation Day)

Nov. 27 - 4th grade Thanksgiving Day Service

Dec. 11 - 2nd grade Advent Service

Two new students enrolled - one from Johnsonburg and one from Kane.

Dec. 4 - 5 - Christmas Store - All students to attend on Wed., except Kindergarten and Pre-K 4 who will attend on Thurs.

- Dress down for students on the day that they are shopping - proceeds to be donated to Project Gifts for Kids.

- 98 items have been donated from Linda Hoffman.

One preschool class is in need of a new bean bag chair for its classroom. Asking for PTO to donate the chair as a Christmas gift to be delivered by Santa on their shopping day. The teachers will choose the gift that they want.

John Schneider (Middle School)

MS and HS have moved their mass schedules so both schools can attend mass in the chapel. MS will attend at 8am, and HS at 9am.

The MS Halloween Party was well attended.

Oct. 29 - 5th grade from St. Boniface visited, and all 5th graders had mini mock 6th grade schedule. 43 possible students for 6th grade next year.

Parent/teacher conferences going on now.

Monday and Tuesday - Suicide Prevention Program for 7th and 9th grades - provided by Dickinson Health Center. Fr. Allen suggested that we promote student attendance.

Nov. 27 - Pig Races in the afternoon.

Dec. 11 & 12 - MS Christmas Auction - Donations will be accepted in the HS office until Dec. 9.

Sandy Florig (High School)

Matt Gabler came to the HS at the end of October and met with Student Council Members and FBLA Members (Future Business Leaders of America.) He presented a new flag to be hung on the HS/MS flagpole.

St. Marys Police did a presentation about Facebook fighting and bullying.

The senior class Haunted House was well received.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be next Wednesday, from 6:30-7:30pm.

There was discussion about only printing out report cards to distribute twice a year, but they decided to continue printing them every semester so the students can monitor their GPA and class rank.

Shrek the Musical's dragon is "unbelievable." Go see it.

32 students - 9 MS students signed up for ski club this year.

President's Report (Mary Agnes Marshall)

Nov. 21 – All-school mass and “Shrek the Musical” highlights to be attended by all faculty and students of ECCSS. St. Leo’s and St. Boniface coming for mass and the play as well.

Nov. 21-24 – “Shrek the Musical” presented in ECCHS Auditorium.

A coloring contest is being held for younger kids to win FREE tickets to the play.

Nov. 13 - Fall Sports Awards at 7pm in the ECCHS Auditorium.

Dec. 12 - Early Release Day

Several high school grades will stay for extra sessions.

The president announcement should be made within the next two weeks. The transition should happen in the first part of January.

Committee Selection

We’ve decided to keep things as they are.

Finance (Jeanne Dippold)

Magazine Sale total is \$16,000. Last year we made \$20,000.

Recent expenses include the magazines and a few field trips.

There is \$50,000 in the account. It’s time to make a school commitment payment. Jeanne proposed that we give \$30,000 to the school and keep \$20,000 in the account; unanimous vote of YES from committee members.

Marianna Hoagie money is still coming in.

Fundraising (Ann Caskey)

\$25,500 has been turned in for hoagie sales. That should provide a \$8-9,000 profit.

Nov. 21 - Hoagie delivery. Order filling will take place in the MS/HS cafeteria.

Holiday Club Party was Saturday Night. Well attended, and a notably older crowd. Several schedule conflicts with sporting events. We’ve decided to try to boost advertising and excitement for next year’s event.

Holiday Club still needs a new chairperson. Suggestions were made to make it more of a team approach to take over and break down the duties. Gina and Glen Pistner are willing to help on the committee.

\$25,000 was made from Holiday Club last year.

Bingo for November went really well. 103 attended, \$2,000 profit.

- Flat screen TV drawing at the December Bingo. Looking into a Kindle Fire giveaway as well. Local business giveaways proposed. We’ll spend money to make money.

Athletic Bingo was also well attended this month.

Outreach (JC)

The MS Halloween Party went really well in the MS/HS cafeteria.

Movie night is this Friday - “Wreck It Ralph.”

Dec. 3 - Christmas Store set up. Trees will be put up Nov. 25. Bank checkbook has been updated and transferred to the new committee. Santa has been called and reserved for Dec. 4 and 5.

Tricia is sending a letter out to families to look for volunteers.

5th graders will help with set up.

Several items have already been donated for the Christmas Auction.

Mary Lynn suggested that the Christmas movie at Apollo Theater this year be “Frozen.” The Christmas Store donates to the ES and MS movie. We’re considering a donut day for the HS.

Volunteers

3rd and 4th graders need to bring snacks for the snack table at the Christmas Store.

Tricia will contact Jean Kirst about putting on the Christmas Feast this year at the middle school.

Anne Reedy is coordinating the Thanksgiving Feast at the elementary school.

Call List Updates

We compiled a list of new families to ECCSS this year, and PTO members made phone calls welcoming them to the school system.

Several comments made: enjoy navigating the website, HS parent would like to meet the teachers before the November conferences, a Wilcox family wondered if there was a more accurate way to schedule the buses they take from school.

New Fundraiser Ideas

Kelli had two Internet ideas from her family.

Frankie suggested to JC that we do a pizza magnet of local pizza places.

The bracelet lady has been calling. This company sets up a page on their website for your school - ourfundrazer.com.

Your school gets 25% of anything you sell. Tricia said that Cambria County is doing bracelet sales, and they have sold 700. We've decided to keep coming up with fresh ideas, and we'll implement one if we start losing money on our usual fundraisers.

Up for a vote - Do we want to start selling bracelets for \$10 each (profit of \$3.50 per bracelet?) Unanimous vote of YES.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing new.

NEW BUSINESS

Easter candy sales will begin in January, keeping the same schedule as last year, even though Easter is later this year.

The meeting closed at 7:23 p.m.

Our next meeting will be held on January 14, 2014 at 6 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Pearson
ECCSS PTO Recording Secretary