

ECCSS PTO BOARD MEETING  
Held February 11, 2014  
At The Administration Building

Present: JC Fritz , Mary Lynn Carnovale, Sam MacDonald, Bonnie Pearson, Julie Heary, Ann Caskey, Melanie Meyer, Gina Pistner, Kelli Brannock, Ann Caskey, Jeanne Dippold, Dawn Gier, Joe Gier, Sandy Florig, and John Schneider.

Excused: Mary Beth Schaut

Absent: Amanda Hager

6:02 PM Mr. MacDonald opened the meeting with a prayer. JC welcomed our new PTO Board Members, Dawn and Joe Gier. All PTO members introduced themselves.

Corrections were made to the previous minutes. The Tubing Trip to Holiday Valley for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades was rescheduled due to bad weather. They went on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Principals Report**

#### **Mary Beth Schaut (Elementary)**

Mary Beth was absent. Nothing new was reported.

#### **John Schneider (Middle School)**

Catholic Schools Week was a success. Mon-ECC, St Boniface, and St Leo all spent the day together. Tues-No School. Wed-relaxed dress day and the Lee Roessler concert. Fri-collection for Veterans through Veterans Affairs.

Mon, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders went tubing at Holiday Valley. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders had game day.

Fri, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> will be Spirit Day and Pep Rally with the HS students.

Next Week, the Humane Society will do a presentation for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>- Bishop Persico will have a Q & A session with 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades via video conferencing.

Registration Night at the MS-several families from St Boniface came to check out the school. Plans are being made to invite St Boniface's 5<sup>th</sup> grade to social events here at the MS.

May 22 & 23-8<sup>th</sup> grade trip. Fundraisers have begun, they will see Hoagies and Car Wash certificates.

#### **Sandy Florig (High School)**

Dominican Republic Mission Trip Jan. 11-18. 2 HS girls attended. There will be an Academic Assembly and the girls will be the speakers.

Cheer Frenzy-Jan. 18; Comp Cheer team just returned from Disney.

Catholic Schools Week-Mon- All Schools Mass.Tue-No School. Wed- Tubing, Regular schedule for others. Thurs-Regular Schedule. Fri-BINGO Breakfast & Activities.

Yearbook Staff will be selling carnations for Valentine's Day.

March for Life trip & the Jr's. College Fair trip were cancelled due to frigid temps and roads.

There will be a College Fair in Buffalo that they'll try to attend. Sometime in April.

Class Scheduling has started at the HS.

Pep Rally for playoffs will be Friday.

Foreign Language Dept will go to SMAHS on Feb. 28. Spanish, Latin, and V. Wolfe.

National Honor Society has invited 32 Juniors and 5 Seniors to join. Induction will be March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>-Movie presentation of "Son Of God" at Apollo Theater. Mrs. Florig asked PTO if they could cover the cost.

This is the final year for girls to wear the old gray uniform skirts.

### **President's Report (Sam McDonald)**

The President's office is currently working on the budget for next school year.

They are focusing on Enrollment for next year.

8 or 9 of the 10 St Leo's 8<sup>th</sup> graders are looking at attending ECC next year.

March 19 or 20-Congressman Thompson will be coming to talk to the students. He had been invited the previous year, but was unable to make it.

### **Finance (Jeanne Dippold)**

Revenue-all fundraisers met their goals so far this year except magazine sales.

\$22,000 from Holiday Club has been deposited.

Our next commitment check for \$30,000 will be paid tonight.

Looking ahead, we should make our \$115,000 commitment to the schools as long as the hoagie sale, candy sale, and Race for Education reach their goals.

### **Fundraising (Tricia Bauer, Mary Lynn Carnovale, Ann Caskey & Bonnie Pearson)**

Tricia gave us an update on the bracelets that we want to start selling. Apparently, she's been back and forth with the salesman since December. As it stands, the salesman says that he'll personally buy back any bracelets that we don't sell; so we're just waiting for the delivery.

Mary Lynn updated us on the Race for Education. Race will be on May 9<sup>th</sup>. She asked if we thought the goal should be lowered for this year. PTO members agreed that we should be able to raise the same amount as last year. So the goal is \$30,000.

Ann updated on Bingo and Holiday Club. Overall, Bingo is making a profit so as long as it continues to profit, we'll keep having it. But the time commitment and volunteers needed make that a necessity.

Bingo's are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at Sacred Heart Parish Center.

Holiday Club-Barb Scacchitti will get us the book by the next meeting to give to the new chairperson. (Mr MacDonald offered to pick the book up from her.)

Ann will ask Dave Geci to take over the banking part of the Holiday Club.

Cathy Bille, Gina Pistner, & Ann Caskey will take over as co-chairs.

Women's Winterfest-March 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm at the ECC cafeteria. 6 ladies have agreed to host a table. Plans are well in the works.

### **Outreach (JC)**

Movie Night is this Saturday @ 6:30pm. Showing "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs".

Next movie night will be in March. We will invite St Boniface and St Leo to join us.

MS Spring Party-Kim Kim and Jean Kirst co-chairs, needs to be planned.

### **Volunteers**

Jeanne Dippold offered to shadow the next hoagie sale, to take over next year. Mrs. Florig said HS study halls can help with hoagie sorting and packing.

### **Member Intentions for Next Year**

JC said that he will serve as a mentor to next year's president and then he's done. Everyone else is willing to continue on the board.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Call Lists-no one made new calls. We need to check to see if there were new students transferred to the Elementary School recently.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. MacDonald told us that they are putting together our first Robotics Team-inviting St Marys Public, Johnsonburg, and Ridgway to join us.

There was discussion about how to better inform parent in the MS and HS about fundraisers and upcoming events, since they no longer have a folder sent home weekly. The Gier's also brought up that Ridgway and Kersey parents don't get the ECC channel on TV. So Mr. Schneider said he would address the issue with Lindsey Straub and get it resolved.

Meeting closed at 7:35pm.

**Our next meeting will be held on March 11, 2014 at 6:00pm at the Administration Building.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Pearson  
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