

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

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

Excused: Mary Beth Schaut, Jeanne Dippold, and Melanie Meyer

Absent: Amanda Hager (resigned)

6:06 PM Mary Lynn opened the meeting with a prayer. The minutes were reviewed. Approved 1st by Julie, 2nd by Sandy.

Principals Report

Mary Beth Schaut (Elementary)

Mary Beth was absent. Nothing new was reported.

John Schneider (Middle School)

DARE Program still being implemented.

Spring electives have begun including soccer

Jr. Achievement beginning-every Thursday for 6 sessions.

Students to attend Stations of the Cross 3 times during Lent.

Math Assessments will take place this week.

MS to participate in a Diocese-wide safe child program (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday)

March 17th-5, 6, 7 and 8th grades to attend Chastity Program + Parent Component Meeting. St Boniface came also.

MS Drama Club to perform "Godspell Jr." next week.

March 12th-Jr High track meeting.

All 7th and 8th graders from St. Leo's are being bused over for Jr High track season.

Sandy Florig (High School)

Scheduling for next year's upperclassmen was completed the week of Feb. 10.

Scheduling for the incoming freshmen was completed on the 20th after making adjustments for the snow days.

Currently we have 62 registered freshmen.

Feb. 27, 17 of our students participated in Foreign Language Day at SMAHS including Valentyn Wolfe, who read a passage in Eukraine and then translated it. He won an award.

There was an article in the Daily Press about our Latin program.

Last Ski Club trip was Marc 3. Next year we are making helmets mandatory. They can be rented at Holiday Valley or purchased. Currently about ¼ of the students wear them and all the advisors wear them.

March 4 we held the annual National Honor Society induction ceremony. One senior and 27 juniors were inducted. Held a social in the cafeteria afterwards. Mr. MacDonald was the keynote speaker.

Ash Wednesday began a new Lenten schedule with mass available to students daily.

March 6th the entire HS went to see "Son of God" at the Apollo Theater. Utilized busses due to the cold temperatures.

The students and teachers all thought it was excellent. Mrs. Meyer had her class write a one page commentary. And Mrs. Messineo's class wrote thank you notes.

We had 2 teams participate in Moody's Mega Math Challenge this past Sunday. Results take about 3 weeks.

Friday is pi day (3.14) and also Jr retreat day/Big Bros/Big Sisters bowling.

Next Monday is our March relaxed charitable dress day.

Junior high spring sports also start Monday and Mrs. Wachter will be driving the van runs to St. Leo's so they can participate.

March 19, Wed., is the Winter sports awards.

March 21, Fri., is the blood drive and the Jazz Band dinner dance at the Fineline.

March 25, Tues., is Spring sport and band picture day.

March 26, Wed., Msgr. Rubino from Mercyhurst will have Mass for the HS.

March 25 is the end of the third quarter.

President's Report (Sam McDonald)

New ECC Commercial aired last night during "The Voice".

Mr. McDonald says that he's been getting calls from families of several local schools expressing their dissatisfaction with the public schools in our area.

Discover partnership-all public schools participate-local businesses talk about work force issues in the area.

Finance (JC Fritz)

JC went over the budget for next year. Next year, our \$115,000 commitment to the school may be hard to reach, but he's hopeful that we'll meet it.

He suggested that he meet with Mary Meyer to see where we can work with Advancement in future years to meet our commitment.

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

JC said that the PTO would like to focus on community outreach instead of true fundraising.

Joe said that his sister is involved with a festival held at St. Leo's every year. They have bands and booths; chicken BBQ Saturday. Huge bounce houses for kids. Said they clear about \$20,000. There's food, fried, and wings. Polka mass on Sunday.

Unanimously we thought the festival idea is a good one. Perhaps we could try to have one this August 16-17. There was lots of discussion. If we could bring in \$25,000, we could get rid of the magazine sale. We already have a cotton candy machine, popcorn machine, and we've sold apple dumplings at the Queen of the World Festival that no longer takes place. Tabled the discussion until we can conduct a meeting with the school parents.

Bingo last month had a few new faces. They played a Lucky Shamrock Game-all games were won, so we lost \$500-but there should be some months with profit and some with deficit doing this. Bingo patrons brought in Box Tops for chances to win prizes.

Hoagie sale-April 10th delivery date. HS will be included in the sale as well.

Holiday Club-new chairpeople will be going to the bank to switch over the checkbook information. Barb Scacchiti handing over to Ann Caskey and Gina Pistner.

Race for Education update given by Mary Lynn. Label packets went home Thursday in the ES, MS and HS received theirs on Monday. Labels need to be returned by March 20th. HS students will go to the ES to help fill out the mailers.

Sometime between April 1-4. Mailers will go out April 11th. This year we will utilize Paypal as a payment method. Lindsey Straub in Advancement will have the Paypal link on the ECCSS.org website. Tricia suggested that we have Sue Jansen come in to motivate the students to get their labels in. She's a great motivator.

Women's Winterfest update given by Bonnie Pearson. This year's proceeds were down about \$1,000, but we were down 32 participants this year too. Everyone had a good time.

We have a Relay For Life Team at the school. They are collecting Goodwill clothes and shoes at school. For every 100 lbs of goods they turn in, Goodwill will donate \$100 to the team.

Outreach (JC)

MS Party will be this Saturday, March 15th from 7-10pm.

Teacher Appreciation will be May 6-10. Kelli Brannock is the chairperson. After feedback from last year, we will just be doing Thank You Notes and lunch.

Volunteers

Melanie wasn't present, so nothing to report.

Member Intentions for Next Year

Amanda Hager is no longer able to commit to serve on the board. So she's resigning.

According to the bi-laws, we can have 15 or 16 members, minimum of 11. We are encouraged to invite potential members.

OLD BUSINESS

JC was going to look into having family night at local businesses, but he hasn't had time to investigate.

NEW BUSINESS

Tricia got an Email about the bracelets that we're trying to sell. If they haven't arrived by next week, we're asking for our money back.

Meeting closed at 7:35pm.

Our next meeting will be held on April 8, 2014 at 6:00pm at the Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Pearson
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