

ECCSS PTO BOARD MEETING
Held March 12, 2015 at the Administration Building

Present: Mary Lynn Carnovale, Sam MacDonald, Bonnie Pearson, Cortney Bauer, Gina Pistner, Sandy Florig, John Schneider, Jennifer McAllister, Aimee Lasko, Kimmy Simbeck, Tricia Bauer, Kelli Brannock, Julie Heary, and Mary Beth Schaut.

Excused: Melanie Meyer, Heather Mader, Ann Caskey, Dawn and Joe Gier, and JC Fritz.

Mary Lynn opened the meeting with a prayer. She welcomed our three new members: Jen McAllister, Kimmy Simbeck, and Aimee Lasko. We all introduced ourselves. Mary Lynn explained what PTO does and what our fundraisers are.

The previous meetings minutes were reviewed and approved by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Tricia Bauer.

President's Report (Sam MacDonald)

Middle States Accreditation is still being worked on. Every 10 years, we go through the accreditation process to evaluate the curriculums K-12 in Math, Religion, etc. Should have results next year in November or December

High School (Mrs. Florig)

- Good Friday is the only day off over the Easter holiday. All other days were absorbed for snow days.
- Also absorbed was the Friday before Memorial Day. Any other snow days will add days in June.
- HS is running on a special Lenten schedule - two minutes are taken off each class giving a 20 minute period each day for student-led devotions (Monday), silent reading (Tuesday-Thursday), weekly mass (Wednesday), and mass or study hall (Friday).
- Ski Club had to cancel four times this winter due to weather conditions; two Mondays were bumped to Tuesdays, and the season was extended. There were no injuries this year.
- National Honor Society induction included eight juniors and three seniors.
- On Friday, the seniors had mock interviews by local business people in 20-minute intervals. Some students were offered summer or even employment after high school.
- Northwest Savings Bank came the same Friday to talk to the seniors about basic banking processes.
- Mrs. Florig passed out handouts about a Stackpole-Hall Foundation investigation for 2015. They will focus on helping the elderly in our area and how to keep young people in the area after high school.
- Correction to last month's notes: HS scheduling is being moved to April because of the curriculum being reevaluated.

Middle School (John Schneider)

- DARE program for 6th grade is progressing.
- Junior Achievement is going on. Mr. MacDonald is instructing 7th grade.
- CAPSEA has completed Child Protective in-services for the students.
- 7th grade retreat was rescheduled and took place on March 2.
- Next week, the annual parent meeting of 5th - 8th graders for the Chastity Program will take place at St. Leo.
- The middle school will present "High School Musical Jr." the play next Wednesday and Thursday. School performances will be Wednesday at 10:15am and Thursday at 12:45pm. Open to the public Thursday at 6:30pm.
- MS Spring Party will be on Friday, March 20. Sue Jansen will organize.
- Mary Steele is chairing the Easter Candy sale. Delivery on March 26.

Elementary School (Mrs. Schaut arrived late, sent notes)

- The Starfish Committee of 5th graders reviews the total bullying reports monthly with the student body. It seems to make them more aware of their behaviors.
- The religion committee of 5th graders presents the mass kits to each grade level, explaining the different vessels and reminding students of responses and when to stand, sit and kneel.
- Second graders are receiving their First Reconciliation this week at the three St. Marys parishes.
- Teachers are looking at classical book lists and creating lists of books to be read at each grade level during the school year. Other titles will be suggested for summer reading.
- Dress down day for charity on March 13.
- Confessions for 3rd - 5th grades on March 17.
- Chastity meeting for parents of students in 5th – 8th grades: March 15 at St. Leo or March 17 at SMCES.
- We will go to the HS to see the MS presentation of “High School Musical Jr.” on March 19.
- Lee Harper, visiting author, will be with us on Tuesday, March 24.
- Walking Club will end the March 27.
- ECCSS Adoration Day is scheduled for April 1.
- April 2 – Act 80 Day
- Pizza party for Gardner’s Candy sale is scheduled for April 7.
- 4th Grade Easter presentation on April 8 during 8:45am Mass.
- April 24 – Act 80 Day
- Grade level field trips are being planned.

Committee Reports

Clothing Sale - Bonnie turned in two checks totaling \$67.

Magazine Sale - Kim Sloff and Lisa Daghir to chair next year.

Holiday Club - Ann Caskey not here, but she talked to Band and Athletics about decreasing their fee for set up and cleanup of the event. The band agreed to \$250 this year and in future years, and Athletics received \$750 (because they already had the money budgeted) and will receive \$250 in the future.

Box Tops - Nothing new.

Easter Candy - Goal was met (\$35,000), so MS gets a pizza party, and Kindergarten gets a dress down day because they sold the most. Orders can still be accepted online until March 27 for home delivery. 20% of sales goes to the PTO.

MS Spring Party - March 20

Hoagies - Fliers went out last Thursday. Delivery is scheduled for April 16.

Accelerated Reader - Shopping list goes home on April 16. Students must use all their points by the end of this year. Next year, they start at ground zero. Mrs. Cotter anticipates the kids will earn 38,000 points this year; that equals \$2,800 that we need to allot for prizes. We had discussed AR points being redeemed for chances at a Chinese Auction raffle. In that case, 1 point = 1 ticket for ES and 5 points = 1 ticket for MS. Discussion ensued on whether to offer prizes or a Chinese Auction. The committee will report back and decide.

Women's Winterfest - Bonnie reported that there were 100 ladies in attendance, down 26 from last year. But we made \$2,459, which is basically the same as last year. Hostesses are giving suggestions for next year. Bonnie will chair again next year.

Race for Education - Tricia suggested we hold it every two years. We decided to see how the festival does in August then we'll revisit if we can skip a year.

Mary Lynn got an idea from Lindsey Straub that we could hold a Shoe Drive that we could hold in conjunction with the Race for Education. There's a company who pays all the shipping costs, we just have to collect the shoes. Frankie Stubber checked with the Better Business Bureau, and the company is legit. 300 bags of 25 pairs of shoes each=\$3,000, or we get a flat rate of 40 cents/lb. A motion was made to move forward with the Shoe Drive, and it was unanimously voted "yes" by the PTO Board. Mary Lynn asked for a committee; Aimee Lasko and Jen McAllister volunteered to chair.

Festival - August 22 from 10am-11pm. Mr. Winklbauer is offering to have two "Paint & Sip" sessions.

Flowers - Heather Mader is taking this over. Tabled for next year, because she wasn't able to get a quote from Biondi's.

Kindergarten Shirts - Advancement is providing them this year, we will provide next year.

Teacher Appreciation Day - Held in May. JC and Tricia chairing.

Movie Night - Done.

Finance (Kelli Brannock)

Gardner's Candies still needs to be paid for the Easter candy. We still have two commitments to make with the next one at the end of April. We are on track.

Old Business

8th grade t-shirts are designed and colors are picked out. Bill coming to Kelli Brannock. Val Stager offered to do a clothing sale for HS Student Council.

New Business

- Old By-laws were reviewed by the officers. Mary Lynn suggested some changes including:
 - Maximum of 15 board members be changed to 20. Currently, Chad Klawuhn will be removed due to inability to attend meetings. Bonnie Pearson, Julie Heary, and JC Fritz will all be ending their terms. Kelli Brannock is moving. We just added three new members and we have four more people asking to join.
 - Nominating committee will nominate in April (changed from May) so that members can attend two meetings before we break for summer.
 - Meetings held September - May, excluding Advent and Lent; this was changed to August - May, excluding December, June, and July.
- All changes were unanimously voted "yes."
- Additional members to add to the PTO Board - JoAnn Schatz, Lynn Schatz, Jessica Shirey, and Debbie Slay - all voted in unanimously "yes." They will be invited to the next meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 14 at 7pm in the Administration Building (Mrs. Florig can't attend; will send notes.)

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Pearson
Recording Secretary