

ECCSS PTO BOARD MEETING
Held April 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the ECC Administration Building

Present: Mary Lynn Carnovale, Aimee Lasko, Jessica Shirey, Kimmy Simbeck, Joe Gier, Dawn Gier, Jennifer McAllister, Angie Vollmer, Tiffany Boschert, Sharon Zambanini, Melanie Meyer, Janel Castellano, Jen Thorwart, Amber Meyer, Tricia Bauer, Debbie Slay, and Sandy Florig

Excused: Heather Mader, Lynn Schatz, Katie Kaveney, Joann Schatz, Sam MacDonald, and John Schneider

Absent: Jessica Auman (told Mary Lynn that she will no longer serve on the PTO Board)

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm with a prayer lead by Mary Lynn Carnovale.

We welcomed Janel Castellano.

The previous minutes were handed out.

The minutes were approved by Joe Gier and seconded by Tricia Bauer.

President's Report (Sam MacDonald): No Report

Principal Reports:

Elementary School (Debbie Slay)

1. The summer dress code goes into effect on Friday, April 15.
2. April 22 will be a relaxed dress day for students to benefit Catholic Relief Services. Students will be asked to donate a \$1.
3. The students are participating in a mock Presidential Primary Election to see who the students choose.
4. The 1st grade play, "Lemonade", will be presented on Friday, April 15 at 1 p.m.
5. Kiri Emmert and Tori Newton will be competing in the Challenge 24 Regional Competition on April 18.
6. The 5th grade class is attending the Circus on April 18.
7. The First Eucharist practice is on Thursday, April 28. The students will be receiving the Sacrament on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1.
8. The Elementary Band Tour is on April 19.
9. The Spring Book Fair was a success.

Middle School (John Schneider): No Report

High School (Sandy Florig)

1. March 14 – Hard As Nails Program
2. March 15 – HS Students attended the Middle School musical, "The Wizard of Oz"
3. March 16 – Winter Sports Awards
4. March 18 – Penance Service for Easter
5. March 31 - April 3 – HS musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" – Very well received!
6. April 4 – Distracted Driving presentation by PennDot
7. April 5 – Spring Sports, Band, Club Picture Day
8. April 6 – Outdoor Club – Fish Stocking
9. AP Practice Tests will be going on
10. April 8 – Annual CAPSEA mandated presentation on child abuse

11. April 10 – 12 – FBLA at their state conference
12. April 14 – First joint board meeting at St. Leo
13. April 15 – Summer dress code begins
14. April 18 – Grades 11 and 12 will take the ACRE assessment online
15. April 26 – Fine Arts Day – Celebrating our fine arts and performing arts at ECCSS - The Indoor Guard and Indoor Drumline to perform their Wildwood routines - Spirit Day/Relaxed Dress Day, but no donation - the Middle School and all three Elementary Schools are invited to attend
16. April 29 – May Crowning
17. The first two weeks of May – AP tests are administered.

Committee Reports/Updates:

Magazine - It was brought up to send out to those just for renewals. The board decided not to send out renewals for magazines.

Clothing Sale - no updates

Box Tops – Box Tops need to be turned in by Thursday, April 28.

Festival 2016 - The next Festival Committee Meeting will be held on May 10, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the ECC Administration Building. Tickets for the Cash Giveaway are getting ready to be distributed the first week of May. The festival is scheduled for Saturday, August 6.

Spring Hoagie Sale - Jeanne Dippold - \$8,568 was made - over the budgeted set goal.

Purse Bash – Jen Thorwart is the chair for this event. Several other board members have agreed to help. The event is confirmed for November 12.

Holiday Club - PTO Holiday Club tickets are still available. Ann has agreed to stay on as chair for one more year. We need someone to shadow Ann in 2016 and take over this important fundraiser. We need to promote this fundraiser more. It has a potential of more earnings.

Women's Fest – Jessica Fritz and Jen Asti have agreed to take over this fundraiser.

MS Spring Dance – Jean Kirst – The date of the Spring Dance is set for Friday, April 22. Chaperones, clean up, snacks and drinks are needed. If you can help with any of these, please contact Jean Kirst.

Easter Candy – Mary Steele - \$14,340.31 was made - over the budgeted set goal.

New Families – no concerns reported at this time

Race for Education – Jessica Shirey & Angie Vollmer – The Race is set for Thursday, May 5 from 1 – 2 p.m. (after Mass at noon). On April 22, all students, faculty and staff will receive a doughnut treat in recognition to the overwhelming response to the fundraiser. A vote took place to move the Race for Education to the fall (October). An announcement for this will take place at the August Parent Night. More discussion of this event will take place at future meetings.

Accelerated Reader – Aimee Lasko – The sheets will be collected and prizes will be delivered within the first few weeks of May. Aimee Lasko and Patty Cotter will discuss whether the prizes will continue the same way as previous years or if something different will take place. One suggestion was a Chinese Auction; however, not all students would be eligible to win something if we went in this direction. More discussion of this event will take place at future meetings.

8th Grade Graduation Dance – Tricia Bauer and Jamie Powell will chair this event. Traditionally, the 7th grade parents host the social/dance. Snacks, set-up, and chaperones will be needed. The dance will take place on June 1. T-shirts will be purchased for the 8th grade class trip.

Teacher Appreciation Week - During the first week of May, a luncheon will be held for teachers and staff. Tricia Bauer and Tiffany Boschert will chair this event. They will set up the date for this event.

Kindergarten T-shirts - T-shirts will be purchased for Kindergarten students.

Finances - Jessica Shirey – The commitment of \$115,000 to the school was discussed.

Outreach - Becky Gabler - Movie Night is scheduled For April 22. The movie *The Cat in the Hat* is showing at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

New Business

Usborne Books – A possible fundraiser - this was discussed and if we are interested during a future meeting, we can invite someone from Usborne Books to present their ideas to the board.

Scholarships - The board voted and agreed to pay for six \$100 scholarships for 8th grade students to receive during matriculation, which is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1 at 7 p.m.

Elections: The board voted on several newly elected officers for all open positions. Newly-elected offices will go into effect at the May meeting.

President – Jen Thorwart

Vice President – Kimmy Simbeck

Recording Secretary – Aimee Lasko

Finances/Treasurer – Jessica Shirey

Communications Secretary – Tiffany Boschert

New Members - The board is looking for new members at this time. There are seats available. Please mention this to anyone that you know who would make a great board member. Think of someone you may know who is willing to serve on the board and help with our fundraisers. We need active members who are willing to take on responsibilities and specific roles within the board/fundraisers.

Six current board members (*Jessica Auman, Tricia Bauer, Katie Kaveney, Angie Vollmer, Heather Mader, and Melanie Meyer*) will no longer serve as PTO board members.

At this time, Janel Castellano has agreed to serve as a PTO board member.

Julie Stebick is possibly interested in becoming a board member.

Becky Gabler and Christine Ruffner may also be interested.

Our next meeting will be held May 10, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the ECC Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Lasko, Recording Secretary