

ECCSS PTO BOARD MEETING  
Held August 12, 2014  
At The Administration Building

Present: Mary Beth Schaut, Mary Lynn Carnovale, Sam MacDonald, Heather Mader, Julie Heary, Ann Caskey, Chad Klawuhn, Bonnie Pearson, Melanie Meyer, Cortney Bauer, Gina Pistner, Kelli Brannock, Sandy Florig, John Schneider, Tricia Bauer, Dawn Gier, and Joe Gier.

Excused: JC Fritz

Guests: Sue Jansen

6:08 p.m. - Mary Lynn opened the meeting with a prayer. Last meetings minutes were approved by Joe and seconded by Julie.

**Welcome New Members**

All current members introduced themselves to the new member in attendance, Heather Mader.

**Principals' Report**

**Mary Beth Schaut (Elementary)**

Enrollment is stable - 5 new families are coming to orientation next week.

The school system is implementing a new policy of no fragrances in the schools.

New Scrip window will be utilized when school starts.

Two new teachers were hired.

August 20 - PreK orientation - PTO always pays for t-shirts.

Kindergarten orientation - 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Mary Lynn & Melanie will pass out the t-shirts at PreK orientation.

August 19 – 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. - Open House for all schools.

September 16 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade will have the field trip that had been cancelled last year due to weather.

Uniforms will be worn for Picture Day.

Three grants have been submitted by the principal and the Advancement Office.

August 13 – 7 p.m. - Information Night for all schools at ECCHS.

**John Schneider (Middle School)**

Eleven students transferring in from other schools - Most are new families to ECCSS.

Enrollment is down—6<sup>th</sup>- 38, 7<sup>th</sup>- 56, and 8<sup>th</sup>- 40.

No change in Faculty.

MS & HS all will have monitored entrance through the center doors in the morning. Dismissal will remain the same as last year, MS leaves through the right end door, and HS leave from center and left end doors.

August 24 – 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. - School open for kids to look around, find classrooms, and lockers. No formal orientation.

MS will have school pictures in uniforms also.

**Sandy Florig (High School)**

Every year, the local and/or state police departments provide a Safe Internet training for the kids at the beginning of the year. Marlene Stubber attended a presentation in Erie and thought we might hire those individuals to come and provide our training. Cost for that would be more than \$1,000. PTO voted not to spend that kind of money for Internet Safety training this year due to cost. Maybe in the future.

34 pages of information are included in this year's packets.

September 14 & 15 - Senior Retreat.

MS & HS picture day is September 10.

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

Budgeted enrollment of 541—as of today, we have 571 registered.

The Fragrance Free policy is merely a courtesy to those with allergies to different fragrances. There is NO discipline policy to enforce the policy or to punish offenders. It's just a courtesy for the people with allergies.

## **Committee Updates**

**Clothing Sales** - Elena Radkowski - Info in packets.

**Magazine Sales** - Sue Jansen & Lisa Daghir - Sue is looking for a shadow for this year, so she can turn the elementary sale over next year. Neither ES or MS reached their goals this year for sales (ES-\$32,000; MS-\$25,000) Mary Lynn suggested that we lower the goals for this year. Unanimously voted “yes” by PTO. It was also discussed whether we should still provide the big magician prize if they don't reach the goal. PTO decided “no.” Sue also revamped the prize system for sales. We discussed maybe doing a movie night for goals reached, with cushy seating for the top sellers. Sue will contact the magician and check on prices for two separate shows vs. one combined show with students bussed to one school. We decided to have an ES/MS combined goal of \$50,000 with the magic show as the goal reached prize. Magazine sales packets will go home in the first Thursday folder sent home when school starts.

**Hoagie Sales** - Jeanne Dippold – The first delivery date is Thursday, November 13.

**Gunners Fundraiser** - Tricia Bauer - Gunners' owner suggested that we have a party outside in the parking lot next to Fox's after a football game. Another suggestion was having them provide a savings card that we could sell to parents.

**Bracelets** - Tricia Bauer - Bracelets are in. They come in two sizes. We got the 200 free ones (due to delays). Some have already been sold at summer baseball games. Ann Caskey offered to sell at the Family Bonfire.

**Holiday Club** - Ann Caskey - Finding it to be a huge job; Gina Pistner will be helping out.

**Final Bingo** - Ann Caskey - Held in June; proceeds were down \$1,000 (only 71 attendees); \$4,271 will close out the checkbook.

**Purse Bash** - Lindsey Straub - Possibility of having it in November.

**Box Tops** - JC & Jess Fritz - A check for \$2,500 is still coming in from last year. That puts us at an advantage already.

**Finance** - Kelli Brannock - Switching over the account right now; our startup savings of \$29,360 is down \$8,000 from deficiencies from last year, so we have \$20,991 to start this year. Thus far, we are projecting a loss of \$17,000 for 2014-15, so savings will be much depleted unless the Purse Bash and the Festival come through. Both new ventures will need upfront cash.

## **Picnic/Bonfire (August 28)**

Chairpeople - Joann & Bill Schatz, shadows - Tina & Bruce Sherry.

Games - Julie Heary - Starfish kids will help with the teachers. We had an extensive discussion and decided to just provide cornhole, washer games, ball throwing games, hula hoops, Frisbees, etc. and the kids can play on their own with supervision. Selling tickets and running games is too tedious. Games will be from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Prizes that have already been bought will be used for the festival; needs a new chairperson for next year.

Mass will be at 4:30 p.m. in the chapel.

Players will be announced at 7 p.m.; Bonfire at 8 p.m.; and school will be closed at 9 p.m.

Drivers will be available to take people up to the track.

Drinks donated by JC & Jess Fritz.

PTO volunteers to show up about 4:30 p.m.

## **Outreach (Mary Lynn)**

Movie Nights will continue with chairpeople, Andy & Cathy Dornisch.

Teacher Appreciation will be next year during Catholic Schools Week - chairperson, Kelli Brannock.

### **Festival (Mary Lynn)**

Shooting for August 22, 2015; all depends on the school calendar, which isn't out yet.

Need to set up a committee - Sam MacDonald, Sandy Florig, John Schneider, Joe & Dawn Gier, JC Fritz, and Mary Lynn.

We'd like to have members of the Alumni Association & Advancement on the committee too.

### **Volunteers (Melanie Meyer)**

ES Picture Day needs volunteers - September 18 & 19.

Volunteers needed for ES Open House on September 18.

We will be having Kindergarten homeroom moms again.

Christmas Store is in need of coffee cans with plastic lids and old jeans.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Next meeting we need to go over the PTO by-laws to see if anything needs changed.

Packet Pick Up is at ECCHS on August 13 at 7 p.m.

Race for Education - Needs a date and committee to change items that we decided needed to be revised last year.

Jennifer Meyer wants to be on the committee.

Clare Hoffman will not be doing the MS Christmas Auction next year. We need a new chairperson.

HS has a new Latin teacher for Latin I & II.

Graduation date change - due to calendar extensions, graduation will be the Sunday before the last week of school.

Previously it was hard for AP and dual enrollment class students to finish the required hours. Seniors would have missed 12-15 days of school.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

New PTO letterhead is ready to use, designed by Lindsey Straub.

Dawn asked about the Accelerated Reader program - it seems to be very costly for prizes from PTO. She suggested that maybe we do free dress days or give restaurant gift certificates instead of having the kids accumulate points over many years and needing large prizes. Maybe even do a pool day or bowling party. PTO voted unanimously that this will be the last year for prizes and after the children have been notified to use up their points, there will be a meeting with the teachers to figure out a better solution.

Meeting closed at 8:15 p.m.

**Our next meeting will be held on September 9, 2014 at 6 p.m. at the Administration Building.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Pearson  
ECCSS PTO Recording Secretary