

ECCSS PTO BOARD MEETING
Held August 6, 2013
at Queen of the World Rectory

Present: Mary Agnes Marshall, Mary Beth Schaut, Jeanne Dippold, Sandy Florig,
Bonnie Pearson, Julie Heary, JC Fritz, Ann Caskey, Melanie Meyer, Gina Pistner,
John Schneider, Amanda Hager, and Kelli Brannock.

Absent: Tricia Bauer, Mary Lynn Carnovale

6:34 p.m. - JC Fritz opened the meeting with a prayer. All members introduced themselves.

A correction was made to last meeting's minutes. Approved by Jeanne; seconded by Ann.

OLD BUSINESS:

Principals' Report

Mary Beth Schaut (Elementary)

Five new teachers were added to the elementary school: two pre-k, third grade, fourth grade, and fifth grade/music.

They will be utilizing a six day schedule this year, except Kindergarten PE and Pre-K PE (they will maintain a five day schedule).

The children will receive Thursday folders for the first part of the year, then the school will try to go paperless. The children's schoolwork will continue to go home in the Thursday folders though.

John Schneider (Middle School)

One new staff member was added: sixth/eighth grade science.

MS and HS are still looking for a Spanish teacher.

MS phone number will ring in the HS office. Both offices will be in the current HS office.

e-Folders were implemented last year, and will continue to be used. They'd like to dispense with signing the folders too.

School information will be sent via email. Only items not easily transferred to email will be sent home in folders. Field trip forms will need to come in paper form.

MS and HS will dismiss from opposite sides of the building. They are working with SMASD on transportation issues.

MS move is 98% finished.

Sandy Florig (High School)

Two new teachers were added: AP English/ Creative Writing and a part-time English/Admissions Director.

Mrs. Florig offered a huge thank you to all the summer helpers who made the MS move go so smoothly.

Mrs. Florig made note of a calendar error—at the bottom, the last day of school is correct, but our graduation day for seniors is the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, as always.

eFolders will be utilized in the HS as well.

Band camp started this week.

Today marked the first inservice for teachers. Twenty-five teachers visited four different businesses to show how what they teach today impacts the work environment later. This is the second year for this inservice for MS and HS teachers. Teachers commented that robotics in the local businesses is impressive.

Report cards won't be sent home in the first and third quarters. Grades can be accessed online.

Jeanne suggested that the HS send email reminders to parents when the first and third quarter grades are posted. Mr.

Schneider said that an email can be generated with the actual report card and can be sent to parents as well.

Finance (Jeanne Dippold)

No real changes since the last meeting.

Our \$115,000 commitment to the school was met last year, and we're projected to meet it again this year.

Last year, we pretty much broke even.

There was \$29,000 left in the account to carry over for this year.

Fundraising (Ann Caskey)

August 22 will kick off the magazine sale.

August 27 will be the first turn-in day.

August 30 will be the second turn-in day.

September 4 will be the final turn-in date.

Lisa Dagher and Sue Jansen will be co-coordinators. They are looking for replacements for next year to shadow them this year.

Hoagie Sale co-chairs will be Holly Eckert and Cathy Bille.

Race for Education will be May 9, with Mary Lynn Carnovale and Bonnie Pearson as co-chairs.

Bingo is in need of a few new volunteers.

Outreach

MS Halloween Party will be October 26, tentatively. Jessica Fritz to be the chairperson.

Clothing Sale forms will be in the beginning-of-the-year packets.

ES, Pre-K, and K orientation will be held on August 14. PTO is buying t-shirts for all kindergarteners.

37 students are registered.

Wednesday, August 14 is freshman orientation at the HS.

Volunteers

Melanie will be talking to Holly about the volunteers tomorrow.

She needs to ask the Kindergarten teachers if they want room moms again this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Information Night is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13 at 6:30 p.m.

JC will talk for PTO; Bonnie will talk about Scrip; Mary Agnes will give a talk as interim president.

If there are outstanding tuition payments, packets will be withheld.

The bonfire will be Thursday, August 29. Games have been set (5/6 games for all ages).

Starfish Kids and teachers will man the games.

Not sure yet if there will be mass for the bonfire, or what time it would be.

Games tentatively set for 5 - 6:30 p.m. 7p.m. starts the sports parade.

Mary Agnes reported that the search for a new president is ongoing. Interviews have been conducted inside and outside the school system. Hopefully a decision will be made within a few months.

Once the board of directors nominates a candidate, it goes to members of the corporation (the Bishop, Diocese head of Education, the Board Chairman, and others).

Bonnie reported that the Scrip program raised \$104,750 to be used for tuition for this year.

The administrative offices will be moving to the faculty house on the ECCHS/SMCMS campus in August. Finance, advancement, the food service director, and the president's office will all relocate there. This is to save room in the schools. The phone numbers for finance and advancement will remain the same; the food service director and the school president will get new numbers.

The international student program is put on temporary hold for this year; they're very hopeful to initiate it the following year.

JC suggested that we invite advancement to our next PTO meeting. Neither organization knows what the other is doing, and we can compare our goals.

Meeting was closed at 8:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on September 10, 2013 at 6 p.m. at the New Administration Building (most likely).

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Pearson
ECCSS PTO Recording Secretary