

ECCSS PTO BOARD MEETING
Held September 15, 2015 at the ECC Administration Building

Present: Mary Lynn Carnovale, Aimee Lasko, Jessica Shirey, Sam MacDonald, John Schneider, Kimmy Simbeck, Joann Schatz, Lynn Schatz, Jessica Shirey, Jen Thorwart, Melanie Meyer, Heather Mader, Katie Kaveney, Jessica Auman, Angie Vollmer and Sandy Florig.

Excused: Jennifer McAllister, Dawn and Joe Gier, Tricia Bauer

Absent: Debbie Slay

The meeting opened with a prayer lead by Mary Lynn Carnovale at 7:05 p.m. We also welcomed new members to the PTO Board (Angie Vollmer, Jessica Auman, and Katie Kaveney).

The previous meeting's minutes were handed out. They were not revised. The minutes were approved by Lynn Schatz and seconded by Sam MacDonald and Sandy Florig.

President's Report (Sam MacDonald)

1. Sam thanks the PTO for the help during the festival.
2. There are now four international students attending ECCSS at the high school level. There is potentially one more coming in the spring. The program appears to be going well. It is good for the students, staff and school.
3. Concerns continue about reaching out to new people. It is important to reach out to new people to keep numbers up.
4. Reaching out to new people can also increase members in our parishes as well.

Principal Reports:

High School (Sandy Florig)

1. ASVAB testing is coming up for juniors.
2. Picture Day is September 16.
3. Thursday, September 17 is Constitution Day. All schools are mandated to do something for Constitution Day. Lt. Pearson is coming to speak.
4. There are 10 juniors and seniors going to the outreach program.
5. There are 30 students leaving to go on the pilgrimage to see the Pope.
6. Next Monday is the Senior Retreat.
7. There will be sophomore seminars such as test-taking strategies and career development opposite of the Driver's Ed schedule on Wednesdays. Students are receiving ¼ credit for this.

Middle School (John Schneider)

1. Enrollment is up.
2. Parent Night and the Book Fair were a success. Sixth grade enrollment was great. There was a discussion with the faculty about whether or not there would be a better night or a better week to schedule Parent Night next year. This year, on the same evening as Parent Night, there were volleyball, girls' basketball, and football games scheduled. The band was involved as well.
3. The Wallops Island trip is coming up. It did get pushed back a week from previous years. There are 56 students in 8th grade, and around 45-50 students are attending the trip. There are also some from St. Leo's attending as well. The students are excited and ready to go.
4. There will be standardized testing coming up in October.
5. Pictures Day is scheduled for September 16.

6. The students will be having a Halloween Party in October. We will need to look at the band and building schedule before deciding what evening to schedule the party. Looking into possibly the 23rd or 24th.

Elementary School (Debbie Slay)

No Report

Committee Reports

Clothing Sale: Joann Schatz is the chair of the clothing sale, and she reported that all went well. Tricia Bauer – Spirit Orders will be due by September 18. Tricia is looking into elite Crusader socks as well as the “sparkly” clothing as well.

Magazine Sale: The drive is in the works. The goal is \$34,000. At this time, the goal has not been reached.

Box Tops: Next turn in date for Box Tops is coming up. Please look in the e-folder for the collection date.

Festival: The next festival meeting is September 16 at 7 p.m. at the ECC Administration Building.

Fall Hoagie Sale: Jeanne Dippold is looking for dates for the sale. It usually starts in November.

Bonfire: Tina and Bruce Sherry have agreed to be the chairs again next year. The committee is taken care of for next year.

Purse Bash: We need to talk to Tricia Bauer about the details of the Purse Bash. It will be at the Red Fern. We will need a committee for this event.

Halloween Party: The middle school will have a Halloween Party along with a dance. The date is tentative at this point. The date is possibly the 24th.

New Families: We need a list of new families’ names and phone numbers so we can divide them up and call a few times this school year to check in and see if they need help with anything (ex. Edline, Scrip or cafeteria). We need to make a connection so they feel welcome. We should move this to right after summer before school starts next year so we can welcome new families before the start of the school year.

Finance

The PTO has appointed a new treasurer - Jessica Shirey. Deb Slay will work with Jessica to show her what she has been doing.

Outreach

Movie Night: Becky Gabler will be in charge of Movie Night. The first movie night will be on October 23. The doors will open at 6:45 p.m. with the movie to begin at 7 p.m. The movie will be “Rio.”

New Business

New Members: There was a new member vote. The PTO board has approved two new members - Meghan Eckert and Sharon Zambanini. Both Meghan and Sharon will be invited to the next PTO meeting. We also want to welcome our new board members - Angie Vollmer, Jessica Auman, and Katie Kaveney - to the PTO board as well.

Trivia Night: Tricia Bauer is looking into this as another possible fundraiser. A committee will need to be formed if this becomes a new fundraiser.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13 at 7 p.m. at the ECC Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Lasko

Recording Secretary