

Parent Council Minutes

St. Louis School

Thursday September 14th

Attendance: Jodi, Lynette, Chandra, Sara, Sandra, Amy, Yvonne, Joe, Paul, Sophie, Logan, Phoenix

1. Accolades
 - Thank you to Sandra for organizing Leon's BBQ and Leadership retreat

2. Introductions
 - YMCA: Dallas & Ray-Ann from the Get Active Program
 - Played the Name game and discussed physical literacy
 - Get active will occur 2 times after school and 2 times during lunch hour weekly
 - New ideas: Archery & Group Fight (similar to zumba, cardio, crossfit)
 - No Get active shirts this year since the money will be spent on programming supporting the obstacle course for the Spartan race, Winter festival, and maybe admission to the high ropes course?

3. Student Report – or now Leadership
 - Students will rotate positions of who attends monthly parent council meetings
 - Spirit Day – Class color Day in which teachers & students pick which color they would like to dress up in
 - Stencils will be used outside on the four square to support the new games
 - As a result of physical literacy grant – leadership will be teaching the new games that were previously introduced to others students
 - Thank you to Parent Council for supplying Pizza at the leadership retreat
 - Leadership Retreat – students made bean bags, assembled birthday necklaces, cut out the hands for school theme, played group team games, spent time working & planning activities together for upcoming school year
 - Kindness Rock: - pass it on 1 per classroom where you catch someone being kind
 - Lunch Program: leadership will help with set up, passing out food, getting students from classrooms and helping the line stay moving
 - Assembly: “Live with Leadership” – students will have a short presentation weekly to discuss upcoming spirit days and help hand out birthday necklaces
 - LOGO: We are looking for a new school logo design – there will be a competition to hand in new designs, a panel including someone from the Board Office, Leadership, Church to determine new logo
 - School Clothing: after logo is determined we will launch online ordering of school clothing that can be purchased

- St. Pat's Parish Feeding the needy: students will be invited to help feed suppers at Salvation Army on a monthly basis

4. Chair Report

A. Fundraising – wanting any monies raised to go directly back into the school

- As a result of the school fee changes things such as field trips, going to plays etc may require parent council support
- We may have to sit back on any bigger projects this year until we see how this affects school monies
- The school has access to fees collected from 2 years ago, yet did not ever collect for religious retreats such as Face to Face
- The school cannot charge any new fees, but can make a running list of fees for next year
- Previous parent council paid for staycation field trips, the Ski Trip (students sold chocolate almonds as well)

B. Event Facilitation

- Dances, Movies, Spartan Race
- Next Meeting we will make a preliminary schedule

C. Charitable Acts

- Previous we donated 10% of parent council monies raised to Chalice Charities, and Syrian Refuges, etc Where do we want to donate to this year

D. Money

Expenses as of now:

- Agendas \$600 (may consider adding Agendas to side bar for fees required for next year)
- Guitars \$1400
- Stand – still to pay for

Fundraising

- Biggest Fundraiser was Garage Sale – we raised close to \$1900
- Christmas 50/50 \$1600?
- Leon's \$900
- Christmas Cards \$500
- Spring Tea \$185
- Sausage and Perogies \$800
- Lamontagne \$3000
- Bottle Drive \$150 each and have had two this past summer

Ideas

- Frozen pizza's
- Another Garage Sale?
- Another Bottle drive close to Thanksgiving in which kids go from door to door
- Knights of Columbus - \$ for guitars in which letters were sent from music teacher
 - Possible \$500 could be used for Gig bags for guitars
- 100 Women Who Care – big ticket item and would require a presentation
- Cook book – could be used as prizes and thank you gifts, for mother's day?
- Christmas Cards – teachers will be sent an email regarding time line to get done early

Positions

Treasurer – Raymond Nassif has stepped down from Treasurer

Joe moved to _____ Lynette

All in Favor for Lynette?

Anyone interested in Vice Chair now that Lynette is Treasurer

All in favor for Chandra to be Vice Chair

Amy Jacober to be Secretary

Fundraising Chair Yvonne

Principal Report

- Assembly at 9:00am on Mondays: Parents Welcome
- School theme: We are the hands of God, walking in the footsteps of Jesus, using our hands in a positive way

Nutrition Program:

- we have had a few hiccups with click and collect
- there is a set up for lunch distribution on both floors takes approx. 10 minutes
- majority of the students are eating and enjoying
- gluten free options may be worked out for next month
- all meals hit nutritional guidelines
- ladies have agreed to make and prepare Christmas meal in which parent council will supply groceries

- kids are trying new foods
- we may plan a lunch in which parents are invited and kids serve
- thank you lunch in which green house can be thanked for donations

Get Active Coordinator

- looking to fill a position

Thank you for fundraising for guitars and building the stands!

Other Discussions

- Talent show at the end of every year
- Penny Carnival
- No Hot dog days – this used to be a fundraiser for the school, now we have the lunch program
- Bring a can in 1 time a week to raise money?
- Glow in the Dark dance (safety)

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 3rd @ 6:30

Jodi will sent out emails throughout the year

Charitable Donations – what do we want to do?