

Home and School Minutes – September 6, 2011

In Attendance: Jane W., Chris R., Mary T., Mike H., Lisa M., Beth J., Pam G.

Opening Prayer: all

Minutes from Previous Meeting (August 4, 2011): Approved

Newsletter plan - Home and School recording secretary will own publishing for 2011-12 school year. Target to publish is end of September.

School Update: Mr. Halstead

1. Enrollment is at 224. Goal of 10% increase has been reached.
2. Tot Lot- Applied for \$10,000 grant but never received response. Fence and landscaping will be added from Renson Road to appease village. Cement slab is laid and anticipate equipment by the week of September 21st. Fencing to be put up after equipment set up. Anticipate to be completed by the end of September.
3. IMC – Would like to express thanks to all the volunteers and their hard work on completing the IMC project. Special thanks to Teri Sippel Schmidt, Lynn Rose, Chris Thorsen, Jesse Williams and a multiple of other volunteers. Completed project over budget which was a choice that was made to accomplish anticipated expectations. Purchased 49 new laptops and updating current PC's.

School Committee

1. Recognize possible expansion needs for future. Consideration of going to two classes to be discussed at Parish Counsel. Initially 2-4 classes. May consider pledges for growth.
2. World Language – all teaching filled
3. Staffing – adding 0.4 FTE position for 1st – 4th Grade Program Support

Volunteer Update

1. Parent night turnout was good.
2. Advertise for co-president. Jane will continue in position until a volunteer steps up.
3. Need parent advisors.
4. Considering combining ice cream social, meet-n-greet, and/or open house. Consider setting up signs or someone to direct new families where to go. May set up process (i.e. pictures first and then go to classrooms, etc.)
5. Short on lunch help. Some ideas were to assign grades to months, double the volunteer hours or have “dad’s day”.
6. Country Springs Hotel – need volunteer to run program. Passes are good through September 2012.
7. Need Book Fair Coordinator – no date set at this time. Previously was the Friday before Catholic School’s Week.
8. Chris will send out list of open positions that still need to be filled.

Hospitality

1. Teacher In-service – Will need lunch for teachers. Hosting 9 – 10 schools – no hospitality needed.

Fundraising & Financials

1. Auction (Amy and Renee) – 3/24/2012
2. Magazine Drive (Kelly) – Ad on website. Encourage ongoing promotion.
3. Carnival/Fallfest (Jane) – Auction for VIP wristband. Currently have 3 bids.
4. Scrapbooking (Mary) – Planned for 10/14 and 10/15, 1/13 and 1/14, 2/10 and 2/11.
5. Breakfast with Santa – Scheduled for 12/10/2011. Still need volunteer to mentor.
6. Moonlight Tasting – Scheduled for 11/12/2011. Shellie Mckenna has stepped up to run program.
7. Catholic school's week dance -
8. Movie night: First event planned for 9/9/2011 FallFest. Usually have 4 per year.
9. Packer Chili cook-off (Chris) – Set for November 20th
10. Country Springs – Need new coordinator. Organize school outing scheduled for 11/4/2011 early release day. Plan to work with Country Spring's to block openings for St. Charles group.
11. Dress Down Passes - plan first sale after school starts. New technique for handling cash flow.
12. Scrip: Scrip flier updated.
13. Fish Fry –
14. Spirit Wear - Athletics to take over and create flyer

Old Business:

1. Looking for parent advisors. Invite to be e-mailed.
2. Lock in for older students 6th through 8th grades. Plan on 12 hour activity and will need middle school parents for volunteers.

New Business

1. none

Next meeting 10/4/2011