

## SPS Home & School Association – General Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2018, 7pm

16 parents in attendance including Principal, Amie Hale, and several H&S Executive Board members

1. Call to order and pray by Tricia Dever, new H&S President at 7:02 pm
2. Review and approval of November 2017 Minutes – Courtney Dietrich made a motion to approve; Kim Baca seconded; all in favor; motion carries.
3. School Report – Amie Hale
  - a. Catholic Schools Week is coming up in a couple weeks; every day has a different theme; Mrs. Hale provided some of the activities that are being planned.
  - b. Open House on 1/26/18 (Friday) before Catholic Schools' Week, 9am – 2pm. Every day of Catholic schools week is considered an open house. Kindergarten Fair & Spelling Bee also falls during Catholic Schools' week.
  - c. Report cards coming home this Friday; Parent Teacher Conferences will be available through Option C signup.
  - d. Centers of Learning – start up again next week (Middle school); Spring Centers include beginner American sign language, engineering, chess club, possibly board games, law center, storytellers (how to give a monologue, acting & performing), yearbook center
  - e. Brooks Gibbs is coming in to speak on 2/14/18 about bullying.
  - f. A fire safety event is planned for March.
  - g. 2018/2019 school registration documents coming in early February
  - h. School Finance Committee – review of teacher's salaries (Plain Local just approved increase); recommendation to stay within 80% of public school teacher salaries. To maintain competitive salaries, SPS tuition is expected to go up \$150 next year. If student enrollment increases, a rebate/incentive back to families will be considered.
  - i. Student enrollment has dropped over the last three years (351 to 333 to most recent: 322); marketing ideas were discussed for recruitment of new students. A parent mentioned that the marketing committee doesn't have many members and it's hard to get much accomplished. Discussed promotion of SPS middle school to other elementary schools.
4. New Business
  - a. Catholic Identity Committee: Colleen Waller, a member of our new SPS Catholic Identity Committee explained the purpose of the committee and ideas for upcoming events, including a Parents R.O.C.K. wine and cheese event on 2/24/18. (ROCK: Raising Our Catholic Kids). The committee has requested a budget of \$500 for future events including a St. Nicholas shop during the holidays. Courtney Dietrich made a motion to approve the \$500 budget request; Stacy Bopp seconded; all in favor; motion carries. Colleen also shared that their first committee meeting was well attended, but attendance has since dropped. **Looking for more parents to attend and help out with events/activities.**

5. Officer Reports

- a. President – Tricia Dever
  - i. The 2017 Auction was very successful. We made approximately \$103,000! We'll be reviewing the best way to allocate the proceeds. Tricia thanked her auction co-chairs (Courtney Dietrich, Molly White, Stephanie Wolf and Christine Dyer) for their tireless efforts & great success.
- b. Past President – Amy Ascani – no report
- c. Treasurer's report – Alan Michel, provided an overview of the budget, pointing out several favorable budget categories; we are \$11,000 ahead of last year in fundraising.
- d. Volunteer Chairs – Stacy Nunziato and Leyla Renner
  - i. Volunteers have been secured for key upcoming events
  - ii. **Still need a chair for Teacher Appreciation Week**
  - iii. **Science night is coming up 2/9/18; looking for about 20 volunteers**
  - iv. Upcoming events:
    - 1. Valentine's parties will be on 2/13/18 due to Ash Wednesday on 2/14/18 (school mass)
    - 2. Father Daughter Dance on Saturday, 3/3/18; Theme is "Love you to the Moon and Back".
    - 3. We'd like to set up a table at church to promote our upcoming Kindergarten fair
    - 4. There will be a Pulpit announcement at masses on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> about Catholic Schools Week.

6. Old Business

- a. Safety/Security
  - i. Bolo sticks, door security – There was a holdup with permission to install based upon a new Ohio revised code concerning lockdown devices. Tricia will follow up with Mrs. Hale about completion.
  - ii. Fence along the playground – need to revisit topic as weather gets better
  - iii. Window clings – revisit this Spring (Lara Kimbell)
- b. Classroom reps / wish list report - Tricia Dever is planning one-on-one meetings with each teacher to talk about wish list items
- c. Blue Ribbon School / 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - keep in Old Business for future review
- d. Allocation of auction proceeds - **We are going to need someone to lead the A building beautification project. The project needs to start soon to be completed this summer.**

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.

**Next H&S General Membership Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the School Library**