

SPS Home & School Association – General Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2017, 7pm

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

1. Call to order and prayer by Amy Ascani at 7:02pm
2. Review and approval of October 2017 Minutes – Courtney Dietrich made a motion to approve; Stacy Bopp seconded. All present in favor. Motion carries.
3. School Report – Amie Hale
 - a. 8th graders recently took the ACT Aspire test (precursor to ACT); Catholic High School's using as a gauge for placement; scholarships available based on test score; additional ACT prep tests taken in 9th & 10th grades
 - b. The 8th graders current have a fundraiser for the Spring Washington DC trip
 - c. This Sunday, 11/19/17, Dan Gravo, recently named Central Catholic and St. Thomas Aquinas President, will be at St. Paul's after the 12pm mass for "Donuts and Discussion"
 - d. The next Holy Cross Academy Board meeting is at SPS next Monday. Board members will receive a tour of the school prior to their meeting.
 - e. Our 101 Dalmatians Kids drama production was a huge success this past weekend.
 - f. Middle School Centers of Learning (grades 6-8) are an added curriculum scheduled for one hour every Thursday; Centers include Medical Sciences, Yearbook, Creative Writing, Page to Stage (kids are writing mini productions and will perform for C building students), Science Fair preparation, Chess Club, Visual Arts Academy, Spanish Class students meet during this time as well because they need additional hours for high school credit.
 - i. A parent suggested that we educate 4th and 5th grade parents about Centers of Learning
 - g. Brooks Gibbs, public speaker, talks to kids about bullying; expected to visit SPS in February (presentation targeted for 4th grade and up)
4. Officer Reports
 - a. President – Amy Ascani - no report
 - b. Past President – Patty Hinnebusch & Lara Kimbell (absent) – no reports
 - c. Treasurer – Alan Michael (absent) – next report will be in January which will include auction results.
 - d. Volunteer Chairs – Stacy Nunziato and Leyla Renner (absent at time of report)
 - i. Tricia Dever shared that committee chairs have been secured for the Father-Daughter Dance and Adult Bowling Night.
5. Old Business
 - a. Safety/Security – Tricia Dever
 - i. Privacy window clings in process

- ii. Lockdown door hardware - continuing to investigate suitable hardware that is allowed by building code and Ohio law. We have exhausted 5 options. Report will need to be prepared for the Building Department to obtain approval for selected hardware.
 - iii. Fencing along playground – issue to be raised at next Finance Committee meeting this Friday, 11/17/17.
 - b. Auction – Committee co-chairs
 - i. Great progress has been made. The Auction is this Saturday, 11/18/17; over \$37,000 in sponsorships received, strong reservations, high volume of donation items
 - c. Classroom rep / wish list report – no report
 - d. Other fundraising – nothing planned prior to Thanksgiving. Of note, the new Moe’s Southwest Grill in The Venue at Belden was opened by Central Catholic alumni. We may want to consider instead of a Chipotle fundraiser.
 - i. A guest bartender event was mentioned as a future idea
- 6. New Business
 - a. Parent, Renee Murphy, shared that she and her husband, Sean, are interested in starting a Bowling Club for grades K – 8 next year. Renee will get more information from the bowling alley and review for coordination around other school activities
 - b. A parent shared a complaint about recent experiences at school and requested that their complaint be documented. Amie Hale will discuss further with the parent and determine next steps. Due to confidentiality of the matter, details are not disclosed in meeting minutes.
 - c. A parent shared, on behalf of our school nurse, Stacy Remark, the concern about the number of calls she gets during the day about running out of toilet paper and paper towels in the restrooms, especially during cold and flu season. There is interest in a disinfectant treatment (i.e. “fog”) that would be applied throughout the school. Look into Church and Home & School sharing in the cost.
 - d. Recent Grandparent’s Day Event – very positive feedback; added activities this year (sing-a-long)
 - e. Catholic Identity Committee (New) – The committee would like to request funding. Invite representatives from the committee to review the request at an upcoming H&S meeting. Not certain if this will be a H&S budget item.
 - f. Lego League – A parent shared positive feedback about the program and that one of the older teams has scheduled a video-chat with a college researcher. Great experience for our kids.
 - g. Community Service Committee – School is collecting shoe boxes for Samaritan’s Purse.

- h. 100th year anniversary of the school is in September 2019 – discussion about getting a committee started to plan events; an intern is working on a video. Marketing committee is needed.
- i. Blue Ribbon status for the school – consider a committee to work toward requirements which take quite a bit of effort.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Next H&S General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 17th @ 7pm

No December meeting