

SPS Home & School Association – General Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2018

22 parents in attendance, including Principal Amie Hale, and members of H&S Exec Board

Call to order and prayer by Tricia Dever, H&S President, at 7:02 pm

Review and approval of May 2018 Meeting Minutes. Stacy Bopp made a motion to approve; Kim Baca seconded; all in favor; motion carries.

Principal's report – Mrs. Amie Hale

Mr. Anthony Randazzo is currently doing a school principal internship at St. Paul's, working closely with Mrs. Hale. He's been very complimentary of our school. You may see him helping with the car line.

Virtus Training - **all school volunteers need this training.** Volunteers that previously had the "Treasured Gifts from God" course, must take the new Virtus training by May 2020. Virtus is a specific course offered nationwide. The previous "Treasured Gifts" course was created and used solely by the Diocese of Youngstown. Any parent who took the course titled "Virtus" does not have to retake another. With Virtus, you had to create a profile online in order to register for the class. With the previous diocesan program, you did not register online. (Virtus started around late 2016/early 2017). See Virtus link in school newsletter for more details. Visit Virtus.org and review classes offered in the Youngstown Diocese.

Reminder about our new teachers - Mrs. Cosari (music/band) and Mrs. Rounds (middle school/math).

A Building has a student teacher this semester. His name is Mr. Reynolds. He will spend half the semester with Mrs. Verbus and half with Mr. McQueen.

Mrs. Waller (1st grade) – has a pre-student teacher this semester who will be doing some observations during the fall and then will begin her full-time student teaching for the spring semester.

School newsletter – we've had recent issues with parents not receiving the email newsletters; **let Mrs. Hale know if you aren't getting them.**

Band – grades 4-8; Mrs. Cosari offered to be our band teacher; there was an informational meeting last week. Mr. Pellegrino from Pellegrino's Music will be visiting to show kids various instruments. Band is free! In the past, offered through Holy Cross Academy for \$175.

School Safe ID is a visitor management system recently purchased with auxiliary funds. This will be used for visitor sign in and out as well as student sign in/out for tardies, appointments, etc. Visitors will swipe their driver's license & have a picture taken; a reason must be given for the visit and then a visitor pass is printed. North Canton schools also recently purchased.

Centers of Learning (offered in middle school) are an elective enrichment opportunity for the students. They occur every Thursday for one hour. Centers of Learning provide course offerings ranging from various careers including engineering, law, and medicine to different skill sets, hobbies, and interests including photography, yearbook, and foreign languages. Current Centers include book club, board games, science fair, visual arts academy, yearbook, intro to Italian taught by Father Marian; German next semester, ancestry. We'd like to offer choir and sign language in spring. Not enough interest this semester.

Officer Reports

President – Tricia Dever

Mrs. Dever reviewed the many exciting building / property updates that occurred over the summer; these were mostly funded by 2017 auction proceeds; some funds from the church capital campaign.

Mrs. Hale added that Superintendent Mary Fiala visited our school today. Mrs. Hale gave her a tour of the updates. She was very impressed! Mrs. Fiala used to teach here years ago.

Window clings are still in the works. Led by Lara Kimbell.

More carpeting needs will be revisited later in school year after 2018 auction proceeds are reconciled.

Good feedback on summer events – Spartan spirit night (aka back to school/meet the teachers night), ice cream social, kindergarten comfort corner (1st day of kindergarten)

Comment made about more 8th graders wanting to volunteer; but only 6 were needed.
Rationale for turning away volunteers – only so many specific jobs to fill.

St. Paul School's 100th Anniversary is soon approaching in September 2019! A committee will be created to plan the festivities.

Holy Cross Academy is starting a new recruitment program; looking for each school to participate.

SPS student enrollment: 327 in grades K-8 (up 4 total); preschool enrollment in the mid 50's; Stark County Catholic Schools enrollment higher than last year.

Our school is the only Holy Cross School that doesn't accept EdChoice (assistance for low income families).

Vice-President – Courtney Dietrich

We still need classroom reps, especially for C Building. Please spread the word. Classroom reps are designated in each grade/classroom. We'd like at least one per grade. Reps help coordinate classroom parties, plan for optional teacher "group" gifts and serve as a liaison to H&S.

Volunteer Co-Chairs - Leyla Renner & Stacy Nunziato

H&S is looking to fill many volunteer openings. We still need chair-people to lead activities

Needs for near term events - chairs & volunteers:

- Grandparents' Day
- 7/8th Grade Halloween Dance – looking for 6th grade chaperones; ideally would like a committee to organize all three dances
- Christmas luncheon

End of year reports are requested by committee chairs to help transition into the new year/new chair; H&S has a Google drive where reference documents are stored (e.g. flyers, expenses, process docs).

Printout of H&S calendar came home today!

This Friday – Tailgating event
10/4/18 – Pet Blessing
10/8/18 – No school; this date was changed from last year’s calendar
10/17/18 – next H&S meeting
Book Fair – week of 10/22
10/23/18 - Grandparent’s Day
10/24/18 - Auction Meeting
10/26/18 - Halloween parties

Molly White (Auction Co-Chair) – Provided an update on the Auction Call-athon; 7 attendees; could use more help making calls; many volunteers took a list and will make calls at their convenience.

- Letters already went out to past donors and new businesses (calls are made to follow-up)
- Alumni letters will be mailed soon
- Auction packets will come home with students including donation requests (go toward classroom baskets and projects)
- The Auction is Saturday, November 17th – mark your calendars

Old Business – Tricia Dever

Need for “fencing” by playground – **We need someone to take this project on.** Will need permits. May need to resort to shrubbery. **Contact Tricia Dever if you can lead.**

Potential projects coming – School office, A building bathrooms (may be able to use capital campaign funds); remaining chairs

Fund the Cause/Auction – last year we raised \$13k; provided chairs to grades 3-8 and flexible seating options. Probably need about \$8000 for chairs, K-2

New Business

2018/19 Fund the Cause/Auction – we can vote tonight

2018/19 preliminary discussion for projects using auction proceeds – we’ll need to decide in the next couple of months

Options: C building – painting 1st and 2nd floors classrooms & hallways, office, playground security, flexible seating, carpet, enclosing Kevin’s way – use as a cafeteria space for school only – big project; would need to be over several years/long term project.

After discussion, Kristin Greger made a motion to proceed with the continuation of updates in C building using 2018/2019 auction proceeds; including the new chairs for K-2; Stacy Bopp seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Colleen Waller - Catholic Identity Committee

The Committee would like to create a St. Nicholas store at school around the holidays; logistics would need to be worked out (e.g. inventory; space). Focus on the religious season, sell Christian items. The thought is that H&S would provide funding to purchase inventory. The event would possibly make a small profit. The Committee will come back to H&S with a cost estimate for startup.

A parent asked if SPS is supporting 2 shadow days at STA and CCHS. Would like to see more presence to help us learn more about the HS’s. Mrs. Hale responded that we do intend to support exposure to the High Schools as much as possible. Dan Gravo (President for both High Schools) will plan to visit our next H&S meeting.

Ski Club – Molly White is going to lead.

Open to 8th, then 7th, 6th and 5th if availability (filled by highest grade first, then next highest grade)

Renee Murphy - Bowling Club up and running!

Renee also shared that we have over 40 kids in Girl Scouts & over 60 kids in the Little Troupe program this fall.

Posting pictures on Facebook – be very careful about posting pictures that include other students. Check with other parents before posting.

Car Line – Mrs. Hale reminded the group of procedures.

Reminder to sign in at the office if visiting the school for any reason!

With no other new business or voting; Tricia Dever adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Next H&S General Membership Meeting: Wednesday, October 17, 2018!