



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

PARENT FORUM

Parent Forum Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

6:30pm School Library

Minutes approved May 11, 2010

Attending Board Members: Sr. Dorothy Randall, Principal Rita Stasi, Noreen Woods, Laura Freeman, Jessica Jaworski, Kathy Gaydos

Board Members Not in Attendance: Carole Malone, Sally Venard

Attending Committee Members: Lynette Wade

Opening Prayer – The meeting was opened with our customary prayer to St. Joseph.

Secretary Report – Minutes approved from March 14 meeting.

Principal's Report – Parent Forum calendar for the 2010-2011 was reviewed. Meetings will be the second Tuesday of every month, time and location likely to be 6:30pm in the library. Dates for other key PF events were reviewed and discussed (Skate Party 8/23; Welcome Coffee 8/23, others). Some dates were determined to be tentative. Mrs. Stasi will confirm dates after large staff calendar meeting. There is possibility of PF providing welcome events for Pre-school. Mrs. Stasi asked that additional lunchroom and playground volunteers be advertised.

Closet Clean Up – Event is scheduled for April 27, time TBD. Volunteers will be sought. Other groups at St. Joe's have responded about their needs for the closet. Development group will be asked if they have any items to be kept in closet.

Volunteer Survey for 2010-2011 – Secretary will meet with a few key committee heads week of April 19 to review survey method for seeking volunteers. It was suggested to return to paper format because electronic results are too hard to retrieve.

Mission Statement – Revisions to the PF Mission Statement and list of PF activities were briefly discussed. These will be electronically sent to all PF officers prior to May meeting for more detailed review and discussion.

Committee Chairs for 2010-2011 – A list of current Committee Chairs was reviewed as to intent to maintain position for coming school year. Some have agreed to keep their positions, others have declined, and several are unknown at this time. Secretary needs job descriptions from outgoing chairs/committees to try to recruit new leaders via eMessenger and newsletters. Social Chair description will change from overall head of all social functions to head or "captain" of individual events. It was also suggested to



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break this job down by quarter or month. Copy Aides, headed by Teresa Hansen, will be added to list of Committee Chairs for next year.

Pastor Appreciation Day April 27 – As is customary once a year, Parent Forum will present Fr. Jerome with a gift at school Mass. Gift ideas from Parish staff will be sought and the budget for the gift will be determined. It was also suggested to give Father a gift card from Wheaton Religious.

Pre-school Impact on PF – The Pre-school will be incorporated into “Big Building” school functions to the extent possible. Parents will be included in all correspondence – eMessengers, directories, etc. Volunteers will be sought from this group. PF will have to review individual events and determine appropriateness for 3 and 4 year olds.

School Ambassador/Website Privacy/Cell Phones – The question of including Social Ambassadors in school directory has been raised. Pros and cons were discussed. It was suggested that a blog for each grade might be in order. This led to discussion on guidelines for using students’ names and pictures on websites. Mrs. Stasi also mentioned that new diocesan guidelines will be presented about use of/possession of cell phones by students at the fall curriculum nights.

Buddy Family – The Buddy Family program for school year 2010-2011 is already being handled by Janet Fosket. She matches incoming Kindergarten families with current families as well as new families in grades 1-8. Sometime next school year, she will recruit her replacement from existing school families who will have a Kindergartener in the school year 2011-2012.

Mother-Son Dance – It was noted that perhaps some consideration should be given to hosting an event to provide entertainment geared for all grades. It was suggested to pair up buddies as a way of getting older boys interested in the event.

VIP Day – Noreen Woods requested a file of volunteers for VIP Day.

The last official PF meeting for the current school year will be May 11, 6:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned.



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