

PTO BOARD MEETING: February 8, 2019

Present: Tim Fletcher, Tami Jurewicz, Tricia Powers, Erin Gould, Anne Casavant, and Amy Vyverberg

Tim Fletcher's Update:

- Sr. Maria Benedicta is on a Principal's Retreat
- Catholic Schools Week was an interesting week! School tours were rescheduled to this week and they went very well. More crowded than usual/lots of interest; new marketing materials/resource information very helpful and well received.
- Several students have left this year – seems to be no common theme. There is currently a culture of School Choice – people can choose where they want their children to attend school. (In Public Schools, people can request to have their state tax funds transferred to school of their choice).
- Power School Applications and Registration is now up and running. A brand new family needs to apply to school. Once their application has been approved, they can then move forward to register. Once they have registered, their child(ren) will be placed in a class, as long as there is a spot available. Next year school registration will be complete by Spring Break. \$50 fee per family will be charged; \$20 fee to hold your child's spot on the waiting list. This increase in fees will help offset the cost for this new online registration program
- The Year of the Specials.....PE teacher doing great; Miss Cossell as sub for art teacher is going well; researching options for students to do Duo Lingo online program during study hall in the interim while looking for a Spanish teacher...Vivian Morse has a recommendation? For Computer – just interviewed a well-qualified candidate; in the meantime, Mr. Dooley has been the sub for the computer classes (and doing a fantastic job!).
- March 1st DC Scrip deadline (Scrip sales down this quarter)
- Teachers computers are aging out: 10 new MACs have been purchased (with technology budget), The plan is to replace 10 more with new fiscal budget (may need to supplement with PTO funds).
- School Calendar is 99% complete – will post next week? It is very consistent with Guerin School schedule.
- Lunch Program – met with director of Aladdin. Currently in second year – with plan to be finished paying for this program by the end of the 3rd year; lots of factors impacting sales: cost of lunch, meals being offered, # of lunches purchased, etc. Every aspect of lunch program is being assessed. ?? Survey to students ??

President's Update:

- Gently Used Books, game/toy drive (January 21-25) Megan O'Connor organized with Merciful Help Center – a successful collection. Donations taken to Project Play.

- Catholic Schools Week Jan 28 – Feb 1. Skating Party was fun – Erin to be thinking about where/when to reserve next year’s CSW outing. Sunday afternoon a preferred time; pay as you come in works well.
- Tours went very well – big thanks to Haley Church and Mary Quinn
- Another fabulous Teacher’s luncheon coordinated by Amy Supernaw
- It has been recommended for those who are in charge of planning particular events, to document the logistics involved so this information can be passed on and helpful to the next chairperson.
- Spirit Day at Chick-Fil-A Day on Feb 6th – another busy spirit day!
- Gift ordered for Mrs. Barks (Anne) – statue of OLMC along with gift cards for Amazon; suggestion for students to type up thank you notes to Mrs. Barks for her years of service.
- School Counselor’s Week – flowers along with a note delivered to Mrs. Minch earlier this week
- Valentine’s Party Feb 14th – (pretzels/cookies)
- Allergies Committee – need clarification on goals, need procedures and policies in place, need Sr. to draft legal ramifications.
- Mrs. Pitcock organized upcoming Book Fair (Ann Heilman) with two vendors Usborne (Jay Ann GAskill) and Pauline Press – having two vendors is going to make procedures/payments difficult. Recommend having only one vendor at Book Fair in the future and perhaps not someone’s personal business.
- Movie Night for 3rd /4th grade on Feb 22nd (Gould, Albers, Sansone)
- Jr. High Social on March 1st – still no chair
- Lenten Food Baskets – upcoming email with information
- Tricia – asking for PTO approval for software sub “Ready Sub” - we can piggy back onto Guerin’s program, and it will cost \$59/month, for 10 months. This was approved by PTO (all present at meeting).
- It has been recommended to get communications out regarding new uniform policy.

Next Meeting: Friday, March 8th, 2019