

Good Shepherd Catholic School Council

Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2018 in the Science Lab

I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

- A. Ryan Watts led the Blessing

II. Welcome and Introductions

- A. Members Present: Ryan Watts, Father Charles, Dr. Michele Ulrich, Sarah Cahill, Emily Osborne, Mideliva Leone, Mary Ann Burch, Brad Reid, Kendall Shelton
- B. Representatives Present: Lindsey Fitzgerald (PTO), Carrie Allison (PTO), Jamie Greer (PTO), Emily Jones (PPC), Margaret Wahrer (PFC), Vicki Pettus (PPC)
- C. Others Present: Mark Myers, Sean and Veronica Cecil

III. Election of Officers

- A. President: Ryan Watts
- B. Vice-President: Emily Osborne
- C. Secretary: Sarah Cahill

IV. Parish Finance Council presentation

- A. Stop/Start/Continue Initiative
 - i.) Core leadership meeting held in June to discuss and prioritize financial and spiritual issues. Create goals and implement steps to achieve goals. Will meet again in November.
 - ii.) Financial issue regarding school budget presented to School Council for recommendations
 - a.) 30% of Offertory goes to the school but Offertory is down
 - b.) Families claiming parishioner discount not fulfilling tithing obligation as stated in contract
 - c.) School Council recommendations due back to SSCI representatives by the November meeting

V. Principal's Report

- A. Members of staff participated in Catholic Identity workshop. New program will allow video program on updates within the Diocese and school community
- B. MAP testing completed. Teachers' direction with class will be based on scores
- C. Math program: teachers are not happy with current program. A new program, Eureka Math, is free, and is currently being researched and may be implemented for 1st - 8th grades. Positive feedback so far.
- D. Growth Plan: teachers are developing growth plans for their classes based on test scores.

- E. Community Service was at the local Soup Kitchen
- F. Safety measures taken at the school will be posted on the school website
- G. Tomorrow is Picture Day (in uniform)
- H. 4-H is coming to GSS! For 4th - 8th graders only beginning in November. First three Tuesdays in November will feature nutrition and cooking.
- I. Anger Management inquiry: Dr. Ulrich reached out to the person that was recommended by a fellow member and she never got a call back. Is open to suggestions?

VI. Statement from Father Charles

- A. Addressed the safety issues and concerns within the church environment. The church clergy and staff have all been through rigorous training and abide by regulations set forth by the Dallas Charter. Emphasized parental vigilance.

VII. Routine Matters:

- A. Acceptance of Agenda - agenda was amended to allow an address from the Parish Finance Council representatives
- B. Approval of minutes from April 2018 meeting
 - i.) Minutes accepted as presented

VIII. Information/Communication/Reports:

- A. PTO
 - i.) Yankee Candle fundraiser underway
 - a.) Replacing cookie dough fundraiser
 - b.) Closes on 9/26/18 yet can be available year round
 - c.) Consensus claims it to be a best selling fundraiser
 - ii.) Boost-A-Thon
 - a.) Social Media Event, April 29 - May 10
 - b.) Obstacle Course/Glow Run
 - c.) Replaces the fall Race For Education fundraiser
 - iii.) Dine To Donate
 - a.) Currently utilizing DaVinci's and Panera
 - b.) Open to other options
 - 1.) Arandas?
 - iv.) Teacher Breakfasts/Luncheons
 - a.) Cater events
 - v.) Pool Party - good turnout
 - vi.) PTO Tailgate meeting
 - a.) Largest turnout
 - b.) Mr. Myers spoke about clubs
 - c.) Steve Barrett spoke about sports, boosters
 - d.) Discussed importance of meetings, more school centered and less planning
 - e.) Next meeting will be in November or as needed
- B. Boosters
 - i.) Inaugural wrestling team at GSS

- a.) Still determining interest
 - b.) A parent has volunteered to coach
 - c.) Still considering costs of having a team (mats, equipment, uniform, equipment maintenance)
 - ii.) In need of a 7th/8th grade girls basketball coach
- C. PCC
 - i.) Refer to Parish Finance Council presentation of Start/Stop/Continue Initiative
- D. Council Member Comments
 - i.) Brainstorming session for recommendations for Parish Finance Council regarding contract issue
 - a.) Father Charles and/or Dr. Ulrich approach parents via a letter to remind parents of contract made to Catholic Church
 - b.) Survey Monkey
 - 1.) Address why people are not attending mass, improve outreach
 - c.) How to identify families who are not participating
 - d.) Approach matters directly, not as a blanket approach
 - e.) Suggested avenues for those to fulfill obligations
 - 1.) Students should be required to act as servant leadership within mass
 - 2.) One service/mass per month dedicated as a Children's Mass
 - 3.) Service projects
 - f.) Monthly column in service bulletin

IX. Future Business/Events

- A. Happy Jacks is on Friday, 9/21
- B. October Break 10/1 - 10/5
- C. Future Council meetings 10/16 and 11/13
- D. Next PTO meeting on 11/13
- E. Trivia Night on 10/13

X. Adjourn and Closing Prayer