

February 21, 2019

PAC Meeting

Father Paul gave opening prayer and Parish updates:

March 6th is Ash Wed. and mass counts overall are down, in-turn this puts a financial burden on the Parish. He also reviewed our Parish grouping with St Paul in Gurnee and also St. Pat in Wadsworth. Father Paul spoke of the difference between multi-grouping, collaborative model, and even Parish closings. Friday at noon and 7pm they will be hosting the Stations of the Cross. (During Lent)

St. Pats just completed their retreat, and going forward St Pat's will host the Oct. retreats, while OLH will host the Feb. retreats, since OLH has buildings connected (Church and School) allowing for safer travel for elderly who attend.

Father Paul spoke of the pilot program, he had previously mentioned in the Jan PAC meeting.

PAC Update:

Intro: PAC members went around and introduced themselves, along with the grade their children are in and what their background / career in. is (Tiffany will provide summary handout at next meeting)

Parent Participation Update:

The few members that met reviewed the existing parent participation list; then broke it down to social, sports, and fundraisers grouping. Each kid would be responsible to sell min. of 5 raffle tickets each, in re: to the walk-a-thon.

70 event workers for Bingo

15 for Walk-a-Thon

20 for Auction

New Plan to come with playground duty

The FSA did not agree with the proposed parent participation plan. This is in regards to the volume of time and fundraising the FSA does. If this changes the work that is needed up front (ex: pizza day, hot dog day, additional fundraisers, Breakfast w/Santa, assemblies, etc.) would be challenging, since the continuity would not be there. This can be financially burdening, since others schools have large companies "sponsoring" them. This new plan can also affect sports, since sports would also not be considered for parent participation.

Christina (President) stated this could be geared to allow parents time to be freed up, to allow you to "volunteer" for something that they are more passionate about.

Communication is defiantly something we need to continue to strive to work and improve on.

Christina Garcia (FSA President) emphasized that those families who might not be as loyal, might look elsewhere (different school).

It was mentioned that there needs to be more transparency in regards to where funding is going.

Possibilities: Look at creating a booster club. It was suggested that FSA and Athletics be included in parent participation.

Bingo Teams 70 (7 teams of 10)

Walk-a-thon Committee 15

Auction Committee 15

Boosters Committee 10 – no event workers

FSA Committee 10 – no event workers

NEXT STEPS: Miss Dolan plans to announce the new “parent participation” plan at the State of the Union on Tues 2/26.

Principle Update: Miss Dolan mentioned the question of registering without the registration fee being paid at the same time. This is something she is looking to change.

Miss Dolan also mentioned there is financial support (Empower Illinois, and Big Shoulders)

We have 25 families that have applied through Empower, but have not contacted OLH. Class size will be max at 30 students per class.

Virtues training will be brought up at the State of the School meeting Tues. 2/26/2019

School Security update: The security person stated they had previously come out and suggested where to place the cameras and they will be providing a quote to the school. We are still not using the card door entry system. We received the quote for keys for the exterior doors and re-key (roughly \$18,500K) this also includes installing the center steel bars in the entrance doors for security, and the cost to re-key the classroom doors (roughly under \$1K). Tentative timeframe would be over summer, since children will not be present.

School auction: Sat, April 27th

Annual Auction Paddle Raiser 5 year in Review

In 2014 \$11,200 was raised to help fund the middle school addition completion specifically infrastructure to the new spaces.

In 2015 \$6,400 was raised to improve student access to technology, funds were used to purchase additional chrome books.

In 2016 \$10,450 was raised to replace fluorescent lighting to energy saving LED throughout the school and Parish Center.

In 2017 \$11,025 was raised to fund the first phase of the school's security improvement plan. A video/verbal communication door access system was installed.

In 2018 \$5,150 was raised to fund classroom furniture upgrades, improving a thriving classroom environment. Middle school chairs are arriving this month.

Christina will communicate to Jen (auction committee) the possibility of raising funds for the re-keying project/costs.

The PAC always does a basket donation for the auction. PAC voted to do a wine basket again this year.

****Each member will bring a bottle of wine to the March meeting and Christina G. will put the basket together.*

Next meeting Thurs March 21st at 6:30pm