

Minutes for PTC Meeting March 20, 2014

Approved April 15, 2014

Call to order by President Laura Roberts at 7:00 pm

Devotions led by Vice President Becky Lipp

Minutes of January 16, 2013 PTC meeting reviewed and approved (Motion: Marilyn Walter; Seconded: Julie Post, Motion carried).

Treasurer's Report

Treasurers Susan Klare and Tami Ludwig presented the Treasurer's Report. The current balance of the PTC account is \$47,747.30 with outstanding obligations of \$17,663.00 for a remainder of \$30,084.30.

- Anticipated income from Trivia Night, March Toy & Clothing, Box Tops and Market Day total \$5,500.00.
- Potential items to spend funds on include: website, additional 8th grade scholarships, assistance with parking lot paving, paint cafeteria, ESAP – Tuition Assistance, bathroom updates.
- Treasurers recommend carry over \$15k for 2014-2015 school year, which leaves \$15k to spend this school year.

(Motion: Marilyn Walter; Seconded: Mindy Caldwell, Motion carried).

Principal's Report

Calamity Days Option – Mrs. Meymann discussed option to have students attend school on March 28th (which was a “teacher-in-service day”) to make-up one snow day as well having the students complete a Blizzard Bag to make-up for the second snow day. Students will have two weeks to complete the Blizzard Bag.

2014 – 2015 School Calendar – First day of school is August 20th. There will be no late start days and only one early dismissal. Also, there will be no calamity days next school year. Southwest Schools are basing time in school on number of hours vs. number of days. One change this will cause is recess time will not count for junior high students but does count for younger grades.

Ascend Program – Discussed comparison between Ascend and Option C Admin System for obtaining student information. Instead of purchasing Option C and paying yearly admin fees, the Ascend Program is free including any admin fees and training. Ascend would provide a daily update of grades, attendance, school notes, lunches, etc. Several schools (St. John-DR, St. Jude and St. Veronica are running pilots programs that are working well.

Kroger Grocery Carts - Mrs. Meymann asking PTC for \$999 which approximately is 1/3 the cost. This would give St. John's the ability to advertise on the grocery carts. There would be a different message every month for the school and parish. (Motion: Marilyn Walter; Seconded: Kathy Dean, Motion carried).

Technology Plans – We would like to purchase 5-6 Chrome books for each classroom (K-4_ and small charging cases for the Chrome books within each classroom. The approximate cost is \$350 x 60 books = \$21,000.00. Mr. Feist is planning on working over the summer to increase our Wi-Fi capabilities at school.

Re-surface Parking Lot - Requesting approximately \$21,000 from PTC to resurface the parking lot. Initial estimate is \$50,000 and Building and Grounds would pay remaining amount. Possibly paint activities on the surface for children to use during recess (maps, 4 square, hopping games, lines for relay races, etc.).

Enrichment Opportunities – Young Rembrandts, Ohio Math League, Consulting with certified teacher of gifted for lesson units/activities. Survey will be coming to get parents interest and response.

New Uniforms – Students will have (3) full school years to implement the change in uniforms.

(Motion: Marilyn Walter; Seconded: Kathy Dean, Motion carried).

Committee Reports

Grandparents Day – Becky Lipp/Kelly Besl – Grandparents day went well, standing room only. Good turnout for cookies and fruit will probably suggest that again for next year.

Trivia Night – Mrs. Steelman - Big success with 41 tables. Gross amount was approximately \$7,300.00.

Box Tops – Jenny Watson – St. John's is to receive a \$900 check in April for winter box top wars. St. John's will be having another box top war in the spring and we'll receive those funds next fall.

Toy & Clothing Sale – Mindy Caldwell – Scheduled for March 29 and they still need volunteers for the event.

Current Business

Marketing – John Drees

- Marketing committee has been meeting to discuss website development which includes:
 - o Centralized school, parish & future home sites for a unified look for all three
 - o Updating the school website with a new design with a more simplified look that is user friendly. This site would also give access to the Ascend program.
- The marketing committee is reviewing proposal on Monday, March 24th with Father Jeff.
- Web developers are scheduled to present on March 31st
- The initial goal was mid-June, but a more realistic time frame is August, 2014 for the new school year.
- A few secondary goals are online registration, fee collection and shared documents
- Initial estimate was \$4 – 6k, however marketing committee believes the price will be higher than initial estimate. They will have a more firm price after meeting with Father Jeff and web developers to determine the exact scope of work to be completed.
- Discussed possibility of earmarking funds from a specific PTC fund raiser to be used for website development.

Enrichment Opportunities – Melissa Pitzer discussed St. John’s current art program for grades 1 -4 and grades 5 – 8 and a proposed program for the 2014-2015 school year.

Grades 5 - 8

- The current program is one class/week for 6 homerooms at \$22 class which is \$132/week.
- The **proposed program** is one class/week for 7 homerooms at \$22 class totaling \$154/week.

Grades 1 - 4

- The current program is one class/month for 45 minutes with \$0.00 salary.
- The **proposed program** is one class/week for 8 homerooms at \$22 class totaling \$176/week.

This gives a grand total of \$330/week, roughly \$5,000 for the year to extend weekly art classes to grades 1-4. This equals 15 hours/week (part-time), with no benefits.

Funding Options:

1. Parent Funded: Parents pay \$1.00/week for children in grades 1-4, then the teacher’s salary would be 90% covered.
2. Fundraising: Fine Arts Summer Camp which charges \$12/hour per student and the school would receive the profits to cover the expansion of the program.

It was suggested to send out a survey for parents to complete which would explain the educational benefits of formal weekly art instruction and explain the benefits for the teachers. Carrie Roell mentioned this would be more appealing to prospective instructor applicants in the future.

This survey would also include questions on parent / student interest level for a foreign language instruction for all grade levels, not just for the junior high. Foreign language could possibly be offered at home, before, after or even during school.

Parking Lot Gate – Proposed voted to approve \$2,000 for new gate for the parking lot to be installed as soon as possible. The current quote is good for 30 days. (Motion: Marilyn Walter; Seconded: Kathy Dean, Motion carried). Vote resulted in unanimous “Yes”

Cork Boards – Carrie Roell inquired if PTC would be willing to purchase large cork boards to hang in the halls which would neatly and securely display all of the students’ hard work to parents and visitors.

Eighth Grade Scholarship – Currently the PTC offers (2) \$500 scholarships to graduating eighth grade students to be applied toward their high school education. The PTC would like to increase this to (2) additional eighth grade students to total (4) \$500 scholarships.

PTC Board Positions for next year ~ Nominations at the April Meeting

Also, there will be several committee chairperson positions available for the 2014-2015 school year such as Market Day, Book Fair, and a few others. Please consider signing up to chair or co-chair these committees.

Motion to adjourn PTC meeting: Marilyn Walter; Seconded: Kathy Dean, Motion carried.

Attendance for March 20, 2014 PTC meeting was 12 people.

Submitted by Lori Cornelius, PTC Secretary