

Sacred Heart Home School Association
Board Meeting
March 16, 2011

HSA President, Jennifer Daniszewski, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and led the Opening 'St. Patrick's Day' prayer.

Attendance:

Jeanne Cossentino	Jill Ceroll	Theresa Burtis
Elaine Bayarena	Gina Darby	Dick Chmiel
Jan Peck	Lisa DeGasparre	Kim Clark
Maggie Kartanowicz	Michele Hunter	Karen Crist
Kathleen Gower	Adele Knorlein	Angela DelPino
Dawn Bott	Adele Kootz	Shellie DeLuca
Jennifer Daniszewski	Trisha Morano	Kathleen Dorsey
Rorye Jordon	Sandy Selby	Diane Endres
Carol Anne Donahoe	Kristine Snider	Tracey Folio
Aileen Eskildsen	Tavia Stiegler	Colleen Geldmacher
Jamie Dougherty	Angela Ally	Janice Gonder
Jennifer Harrison	Stefanie Schinzel	
Lisa Moran	Gina Ruppert	
Jay Parker	Marie Ziemski	
Terri Rinehart	Amy McAdams	
Roseanne Rodgers	Teresa Ertel	
Diana Schulz	Mary Renehan	
Kathleen Setzer	Janice Windsor	
Kacee Stephan		
Tina Wehland		

ADMINISTRATION REPORT-

Mrs. Cossentino-

- An 'alert now' email message was sent today including the current newsletter from the Administration.
- The entire Archdiocese will have a common start date for the 2011-2012 school year- Monday, August 29th.
- The school is very busy celebrating Lent and teaching the students the power of faith and prayer. The Rosary is said every day during the morning announcements. Money is also being collected for Catholic Relief Services. The Lenten sandwich collection continues every Friday-please send in peanut butter and/or cheese sandwiches for donation to Our Daily Bread.
- Please remember to remain silent and reverent if you are present in the lobby during the morning announcements and prayers.
- Tomorrow, March 17th, the students may accessorize for St. Patrick's Day.
- Friday, March 18th, is an Out-of-Uniform day for all children of parents/guardians in attendance at this meeting tonight! No shorts will be permitted until May 1st.
- The school will be open on March 25th-this is our only make-up day for the year.

-Envelopes have been sent home with registration information for next year. Please return the forms and deposit as soon as possible to let the school know which students are returning.

-Financial aid for next year is available for Category 1 families. Apply online or see Erika Vassallo in the business office for an application. The Archdiocese will also now be offering financial aid to parents of students at all schools.

-Standardized testing is planned for 3rd through 8th graders from April 1st-7th from 8-10:45am. The testing will be untimed. Please make sure students are well rested and eat a good breakfast. Please also avoid absenteeism and tardiness.

-A question was asked regarding the possibility of having an Out-of-Uniform day and collection for Japan in May. April 28th is already scheduled to benefit Haiti. The suggestion will be considered.

Mrs. Renehan-

-On Thursday, the 2nd and 8th graders will be burying the Alleluia prayer since it is not permitted during Lent.

-Middle school students are participating in three academic tournaments.

-Final High School decisions are still being made. Further information will be available next month regarding where our graduating students are attending. The majority of students received acceptance letters to their first choice schools.

-An 8th grade parent meeting is scheduled for March 22nd.

FACULTY REPORT-

Mrs. Kartanowicz-

-The fourth grade students are going to the Science Center and the 5th graders are going to Biztown. Thank you to the HSA for the contribution of funds for these field trips.

Mrs. Bayarena-

-The Kindergarteners thank the HSA for the contribution of funds to help with their field trip to the Aquarium.

-The 1st graders are very excited to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

-The 2nd graders are busy preparing for the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

-The May procession is planned for May 11th which is a Noon Dismissal.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT-Jill Ceroll

-Aileen Eskildsen is the new Parent Representative on the School Board. Congratulations Aileen! The position will start on July 1st.

DEVELOPMENT REPORT- Jan Peck

-The first ever Sacred Heart newsletter was published last fall by the Development Department. It is available online. The next one will be distributed in May.

-The Annual Fund has raised approximately \$43,000.00 so far. The goal of \$40,000.00 has been met to fund new laptops in every classroom.

-The Buy-a-Brick sale will close on May 31st. Please consider buying a brick as a family, individual, class, etc...

-Sixty families are now enrolled with Viridian and Sacred Heart has received over \$900.00 since September through the program.

-Please remember that Flowers and Fancies also gives 20% of sales to Sacred Heart if the school is mentioned during the order. We have received over \$500.00 from this program.
-The Golf Tournament is being planned for September 26th at 9am at The Links at Gettysburg.

HSA BOARD REPORT-

President-Jenn D.-

-Last call for HSA Board nominees for the next two-year term. If all positions are unopposed, an official announcement will be made in April.

Vice President-Carol Anne Donahoe-

-The Teacher Appreciation Brunch is being planned for May 6th. The food will be provided by Martha and Mary's Restaurant. Teachers will also receive gifts that week from the HSA.

TREASURER REPORT-Aileen Eskildsen-

-The current budget was reviewed. A lot of expenses for the Bull Roast are not yet showing and tickets just went on sale.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

-Going Green-Carol Anne Donahoe-No report at this time.

-Lunch Room-Jenn D.-Tracey Folio has offered to be the Lunch Room Coordinator for the next term. Thank you Tracey! Several ideas were discussed including having a mini-manners program during lunch for all students at the beginning of next year, using a trash tub in the middle of each table and selling Resurrection Plants for a lunchroom fundraiser. These ideas will be considered.

-More STAND-certified volunteers are needed for Lunch Duty especially Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays and during Field days. All help is greatly appreciated even if it is only one day!

-Library-Adele Knorlein-

-Thank you for supporting the book fair. It was a great success. The funds raised are being used to purchase new books. The 'One for Books' money was donated to an inner city Catholic School. Many books this year that our library did not need were also donated.

-A partial inventory check is planned at the end of the school year. Circulation can also now be monitored with the new library program.

-Volunteers are needed for covering books.

-Thank you to Adele who made all the quilts and donated them to the Book Fair sale!

-Outreach-Adele Kootz-

-The Lenten meatless sandwich collection is still in process and over 200 sandwiches were collected and donated last Friday.

-A May flower sale is being planned.

-Rebates, Cultural Arts and Focus-Trisha Morano-

-So far this year we have collected 11,740 box tops for which we received a check for \$1174.00! Thank you to Trisha's husband for counting all those box tops!!!

-We have received approximately \$2340.00 so far from the store bonus card program.

-All money received benefits Sacred Heart's 'Specials' classes.
-The FOCUS prayer group continues to meet every Friday morning in the Mother Seton room.

-Uniform Exchange-Jill Ceroll

-The uniform exchange is scheduled for March 23rd from 2-5pm in the Media Center. Volunteers are needed around 1:15 for setup and during the sale. Communion dresses are also going to be on sale as well.

-Spring Fundraiser-Jenn D.-Tickets are on sale now for the HSA Bull Roast on Saturday, April 9th at Oregon Ridge from 7 -11pm. Sponsorships and donations are still welcome. Grade baskets are due by April 1st. Volunteers are needed for setup and cleanup.

-Special Year-End HSA Meeting-Tracey Folio

-A special year-end HSA meeting is being planned for May 18th at 6:00 pm. A reception will be held from 6-7pm in the gym and the meeting will start at 7:15. Babysitting will also be available by ABC Care free of charge. A flyer will be distributed soon asking for RSVPs regarding how many people will be attending and how many will need babysitting service. Entertainment is planned with the kids' involvement in the form of dancing and a skit. Thank you to the Administration for supplying the refreshments!

-Many volunteers are needed including parents and perhaps student helpers. Please contact Adele Kootz or Roseanne Rodgers if interested.

-Current board members will 'pass the torch' on and welcome the incoming board.

-Field Day-Jenn D.-

-Many STAND-certified volunteers are needed to run games from 8:30-lunchtime. After the activities, you are welcome to picnic with your children. Tuesday May 31st-Kindergarten-2nd grade, Wednesday June 1st-Grades 3-5 and Thursday June 2nd-Grades 6 and 7. Graduated 8th graders are welcome to come back and help!

-Thanks to Laura Keating and Tina Wehland for co-chairing Field Day!

COMMUNITY/PARENT FORUM-

-A question was asked whether the Middle School carpet was replaced after the flood. The Administration reported that replacement was not needed; however, it is scheduled to be replaced this Summer, as it was time to do so anyway.

-A question was asked regarding the expected enrollment in the school for next year. The Administration reported at the time that the 3yr old program has limited space available, 4yr olds are full, 5th grade is almost full and 6th grade is almost full.

-The Administration and Faculty were dismissed at 8:07pm.

-Mike Nolan from the Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Company presented information regarding fundraising opportunities.

-Otis Spunkmeyer is the #1 selling cookie in the U.S.

-Mike has been involved in fundraising for 25 years. The Otis Spunkmeyer sales have been a great success. The cookies are pre-portioned in the tubs and Sacred Heart receives 40% of the sales. 120 items need to be sold for free delivery. A gift wrap fundraiser is also available, and Mike will provide all the prizes. A pizza sale through Little Caesar's is also an option.

- The cookie dough may remain at room temperature for 6 hours from the delivery time. Refrigeration is then required. Delivery would be between Noon and 2pm to allow families adequate time to pick up items after school and have them refrigerated by 6pm.
- Mike would be willing to attend our Back to School nights and serve cookies samples for those in attendance.
- Cookies and pizza were sampled at the meeting tonight.
- Cookie samples will also be distributed to all teachers at the beginning of the sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.