

Sacred Heart Home School Association
Board Meeting
August 18th, 2010

HSA President, Jennifer Daniszewski, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
Mrs. Wright led the Opening prayer.

Attendance:

Sheri Wright	Dawn Linares	Janice Gonder
Mary Renehan	Lisa DeGasparre	Tracey Folio
Janice Peck	Michele Hunter	Tierra Dorsey
Jennifer Daniszewski	Jessica Nemshick	Kathleen Gower
Rorye Jordon	Trisha Morano	Terri Rinehart
Carol Anne Donahoe	Kathleen Setzer	Jamie Cardillo
Aileen Eskildsen	Angela Ally	Catherine Silverman
Jamie Dougherty	Shellie DeLuca	Kendra Jolivet
Heidi Gage	Roseanne Rodgers	David Rhinehart

Changes in the format of the HSA meetings were discussed including asking Administration members to stay present for the entire length of the meeting, allowing committees to report first and limiting the time length to no longer than one hour and fifteen minutes.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mrs. Wright-

- Thank you to all for attending even before school starts!
- There were many structural improvements to the school completed over the summer. Several projects mentioned include new windows in some classrooms, a change in location of the adult meeting and youth ministry rooms, a new resource room available for teachers and addition of a ramp in fourth and fifth grade hallway.
- The email problems from last school year have been resolved with system and software updates implemented.
- A new website will be initiated soon.
- Power School will also be changing in October. There will now be one login for parents to access all of their children's information. Also, multiple logins will be available for various family members of students. In addition, an Emergency Notification System will be initiated through Power School.
- Mr. Baker will not be returning to teach Physical Education. The new teacher's name is Jessica McHenry. She has a Masters in Physical Education and experience playing and teaching sports.
- A new nurse will be joining our Health Suite part-time, Helen Alexander.
- Louise Cohen-Silver, one of the part-time Guidance Counselors from last year, will be our full-time counselor this year. She will be available five days per week.

-Nancy Reed and her staff will be returning to the cafeteria this year. We still need to increase the number of hot lunches sold. Please encourage your children to try the lunches if they are interested. Exciting theme days and raffles are planned.

-Enrollment is strong this year. New families and students are still calling and coming in for tours. We had 753 students last year and an estimate for this year would be plus or minus ten students.

Mrs. Renehan-

-4th and 6th grade Orientations are planned for August 30th at 9am. All families are encouraged to attend.

-All families are also encouraged to attend Back to School Night. PK-5th is on Wed., Sept. 1 and 6th-8th is on Wed., Sept. 7. An 8th grade High School information process meeting will take place during Back to School Night on the 7th.

-The incoming 8th grade students will be selling refreshments during the current Glyndon Area Players Production at Sacred Heart, The Wizard of Oz. Please support by purchasing snacks during Intermission. The funds are used for the 8th Grade New York trip.

FACULTY REPORTS: No report at this time.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: No report at this time.

DEVELOPMENT REPORT: Jan Peck-

- Mrs. Peck started in this position July 1st. She worked for the Archdiocese for 19 years in Development and Marketing. She strives to be approachable-please feel free to stop by. Please also note and keep in mind that when donations are requested, the money directly benefits our children and school.

-A survey regarding marketing of our school was distributed and completed by those present.

-The Golf Tournament planning is going well. Estimated numbers are similar to last year which netted a profit of \$20,000.00.

-Students will be handing out Tournament flyers after masses on August 28 and August 29. The Early Registration fee will be honored for those interested at that time.

-Mrs. Peck plans to be at Back to School nights to introduce herself.

-A newsletter will be distributed soon with Development updates.

-The Development Office may coordinate a new brick sale on the playground; however, they would need parent volunteers to assist.

-The Annual Fund will begin in September. A brochure will be sent home with a letter this year explaining the purpose of the Annual Fund. In summary, the Annual Fund donations help to supplement costs for a school this size that the tuition money cannot cover. Items mentioned included general school costs, equitable salaries and family assistance. Some public schools have now initiated an Annual Fund Drive for the same reasons.

HSA BOARD REPORT:

- The May meeting minutes were approved.
- Babysitting will be available during the October 20th and March 16th meetings in Room 138. Out-of-uniform privileges will also be granted to all children of parents/guardians in attendance.
- Please note there are no HSA meetings in the months of December and April.
- All meetings will be held in the Media Center going forward.
- Volunteers are desperately needed for everything!!! Please note that siblings and grandparents are welcome. All volunteers must be STAND-trained.

TREASURER: Aileen Eskildsen-

- The final report from last fiscal year ending in July was reviewed. Donations to the school totaled over \$17,000.00 including such areas as technology upgrades, trip assistance and financial aid.
- The proposed budget for 2010-2011 was reviewed and will be voted on during the September meeting. No questions were asked.

SCRIP: Shellie DeLuca-

- SCRIP will now be available immediately following masses.
- Orders will be accepted on the first day of school.
- Please make sure to note any changes in email addresses. Also document the correct teacher names on your envelopes.
- SCRIP will be discussed during New Family Welcome and Back to School Nights.
- SCRIP is now going green. Copies of orders will no longer be made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

GOING GREEN: Carol Anne Donahoe-

- Water bottles will be distributed to students during the first few weeks of school.

TRAFFIC: Jenn Daniszewski-

- More volunteers are needed for traffic assistance especially during the first 2 weeks of school.
- A volunteer is needed at the main lobby entrance from approximately 7:45-8:10 every day.

NEW FAMILY WELCOME: Michele Hunter-

- The New Family Orientation is planned for August 23rd from 10am to noon. A New Family/Kindergarten play date on the playground is also planned for August 20th.
- Thirteen families have responded so far for the Orientation. Some families may already have attended the Spring New Family Welcome.
- Parent tour guides are needed. A little gift will be distributed at the end of the tour/scavenger hunt.

SCHOOL STORE- Jenn Daniszewski-

- School supplies were purchased online and directly shipped to homes this year.
- On August 23rd, the School Store will be open in the Art Room from 9am-1pm and 6-8pm. School Store-only supplies will be sold then.
- The School Store will also be open on Monday August 30th during the 4th and 6th grade Orientations from 8:30-9:30 and in the morning during the first two weeks of school.
- More volunteers are needed especially during the first few weeks of school from approximately 7:45-8:45. Please contact Jenn or Tavia Stiegler if interested.

LIBRARY-David Rhinehart-

- Parent volunteers during library classes are needed. The Library Committee is still waiting for the final library schedule for each teacher.
- Volunteer forms may be distributed again when school begins.
- The inventory process was completed with over 16,000 items documented. 681 items were unaccounted for and removed from the inventory. Several items were found not to be barcoded and were therefore either donated or added to the catalog. Our catalog will now be standardized and similar to the Baltimore County Public Library System.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE-Jenn Daniszewski-

- A Uniform Exchange will take place on 8/23 from 9am-1pm and 6-8pm in Room 127. SHG magnets will also be sold-1 for \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00

HOMEROOM PARENT- Jenn Daniszewski-

- Volunteers are needed!

BANKING DAY- Jenn Daniszewski-

- Banking Day will take place the second Friday of every month with the first day planned for September 10th.
- During Banking Day, students can sign up for an account from Susquehanna Bank and/or make deposits. Assistance is provided by Jill Ceroll.

CRAB FEAST-Jenn Daniszewski-

- The Crab Feast is planned for October 2nd at 7pm in the West Room. Tickets are \$40, and all must be 21 or older. Volunteers are needed. A crab feast is planned as well as a money wheel, DJ and dancing.

INNISBROOK-Dawn Linares-

- The Innisbrook packets are being prepared for distribution during the 2nd week of school. The ending date of the sale is October 1st.
- The fundraiser will be mentioned during Back to School Nights.
- Other fundraising ideas were suggested and discussed including pizza or cookie dough sales. New ideas will be considered by next year's Fall Fundraising Chairperson(s).

MEMBERSHIP-Jenn Daniszewski-

- Membership will remain \$5 per family and will be accepted through the end of November.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP-Dawn Linares-

-Volunteers are needed during the week of November 29-December 3rd especially while the younger students are shopping.

-Not as many crafting projects are planned this year. Most items will be bought already assembled.

FOCUS, REBATES AND CULTURAL ARTS-Trisha Morano-

-FOCUS-The FOCUS group will start meeting on Friday September 3rd after morning announcements. Please stop in to pray the Rosary whenever interested or available.

-REBATES-Box Tops contests are being planned. Families can shop online through btfe.com which links shoppers to a marketplace of websites. Credits are given to SHG if shopping is completed this way. A teacher registry for gift ideas and/or class needs can also be completed here as well. More information will be distributed soon.

-CULTURAL ARTS-Three assemblies are being planned for the year, one per trimester. If anyone has any ideas, please contact Trisha.

EMERGENCY PHONE CHAIN-Jenn Daniszewski-

-This will be tabled as Power School will be providing the service.

COMMUNITY/PARENT FORUM:

-A question was asked whether some of the new students transferring into SHG from area closed schools will be bussed here. The answer provided by Administration was no, bus service will not be provided for any students.

-The question was asked about how many new students are expected as transfers from the closed schools. The answer provided was approximately 35-40 new families.

-The planned calendar days during the first week of school were discussed.

Administration explained that the half days were planned in order to help with the orientation process of the new school year and to minimize the number of half days throughout the year.

-It was also noted that the Friday before Memorial Day is now a half day and Easter Break will take place during the week before Easter this year.

-Faculty Chairs will remain the same this year.

-The question was asked whether any faculty were celebrating anniversaries this year. Mrs. Wright will investigate.

-The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.