

Home and School Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2018 - 5:30-7:30

Attendees: Molly Ambrose, Heather Grams, Melissa Fuentes, Lisa Weger, Anne Novotny, Laura Watkins, Liz Martins, Amy Schreiner, Nakita Grant, Kim Reyes, Katie Sanders, & Katherine Gomez.

Principal Report (Heather Grams)

- * Heather Grams spoke about the upcoming accreditation of the school. It's something that occurs every 6 years, and the next one is due in 2019. School committee needs to have a 5-year plan in place. Plan must include strategic planning, and specific tasks that include the core values (Engage, Inspire, Grow, Love, Serve).
- * The committee participated in a group exercise with Ms. Grams voicing our opinions and thoughts on 3 key questions about our school. The questions were, 'What do we do well at Sebs?,' 'Where could we improve or stand to grow?,' and 'I wish my child's school...'

Chair Report (Molly Ambrose)

- * Open House planning was discussed. Katherine Gomez offered to organize a postcard to send to current families and parishioners with a Merry Christmas and Save-the-date message.
- * Molly, Amy Schreiner, and Liz Martins will clean out the H&S closet next week. Need to make room to store the seat cushions that have been ordered for the play. They can be used to rent at sporting events as well.
- * Discussed the idea of more multicultural events for entire families (Advent/Epiphany cultural day).
- * Discussed the possibility of retreats for students and parents this school year.
- * Discussed revamping the Home & School mission statement as part of the accreditation process. Everyone is invited to look it over, and come up with their own draft to share at the next meeting. Current statement is: *St. Sebastian Home and School is an association of parents and staff who work together to build and maintain education, social connections, appreciation, fundraising and communication. Home & School is committed to supporting the integration of Christian values between home and the academic life of all students. Recognizing that family is central in a child's life. Home & School encourage and facilitates family to family peer support and communication. The Home & School Association is a vital and active part of St. Sebastian School.*

Fundraising Update (Molly Ambrose & Katie Suminski)

- * The Magazine Sale will kick-off on Nov. 5. The sales will be online only. The incentives will be slightly different from past years (5 sales = non-uniform day, 10 sales = ice cream social). Final turn-in date is Nov. 19. The Coop prize turn-in date is Tuesday, Nov. 13 and will be passed out Nov. 14.
- * Kringle sale kick-off in November 5 as well. Turn-in date is Nov. 28. Pick-up date is Dec. 15 in the Church Hall from 3-7pm.
- * Determine root beer float party date and dress down date at the next meeting.

Financial Report (Katie Sanders)

- * Updated budget as of September

Upcoming Events

- Fish Fry – 11/2 (2nd grade)
- Magazine/Kringle Fundraiser Kick-off – 11/5
- Magazine turn-in date
- Teacher luncheon – 11/21 (1st grade)
- H&S meeting – 11/28 (5:30pm)
- Kringle turn-in date – 11/28

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 28 @ 5:30pm in the teacher's lounge