

SS Peter & Paul Home & School Meeting minutes – August 26, 2014

The meeting was opened by President Cynda West as she led the group in prayer.

Secretary's Report

Elizabeth Atkinson reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. Janell Drummond made a motion to approve the minutes and Tari Frederick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Lori Rowlett gave the Treasurer's Report

Account Balance as of 8/25/14

BCNB Checking \$69,746.92

A detailed summary was also presented to those in attendance. Lori discussed each budget line item. Lori explained that the budget was approved at the last meeting for the current school year. The Edward Jones account was closed out last year for the approved technology expenses. Lori stated that the Home & School dues are the last portion of the registration fees that are collected, and therefore may be some time before Home & School collects all dues.

Each year Home & School pays the Parish in 3 installments. Elaine Green made a motion to approve the 3 installments to the Parish this school year and Logan Comegys seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Principal's Report

Principal Lammers was unable to make the meeting. However, he sent a report to President Cynda West, which she shared with those in attendance.

The report read:

First, thank you for everything that the Home and School Association does for the school, the students, and the families. I appreciate the extent to which the officers have gone to develop a great relationship with the school and how they are working to develop more community within our school. In fact, that is one of the goals of the school advisory board this year.

Computer Lab

The new tables arrived last week. A parent has greatly assisted the past three weeks get the new computers configured and will get them deployed very shortly.

Google Apps for Education

The school has started utilizing Google Apps for Education. This is a set of online tools for communication, collaboration, time-management, and document storage. Provided by Google to the school at no cost, these tools include Gmail, sharable calendars, GoogleDocs, and a host of other apps. These applications are web-based and can be accessed from any Internet-connected computer with a web-browser. No special software is required.

An "account" for each student in grades 4 through 8 has been created and will be opened to the students once the lab is up and running.

To ensure student safety, Google Apps student domains are "closed." This means that students can only e-mail and share documents with their teachers and each other.

Annual Report

The school has developed a 16-page, color, annual report. A copy will be sent home with each school family in the Friday Folder. It will also be used for promotional purposes and as a good source of information for those who may be interested in the school.

Video

The school has also developed a video to promote the school. It will be on the school's YouTube channel (one of the Google Apps) and linked to the school's website.

New Business

1) Welcome of New Families: Cynda West welcomed all the new families to Home and School. She explained how important the Home and School Association is to our school. She explained that it is to enhance our children's education. Cynda encouraged families to "like" the Home & School Facebook page, as there will be updates given there, as well as this is a good way to do uniform exchanges. There will not be any planned uniform exchange at the school this year.

2) 2014-2015 Budget: The budget and the Parish installments were discussed during the Treasurer's Report earlier in the meeting.

3) Volunteer Sign-Up Lists: Cynda West passed around sign-up sheets for everyone to volunteer for different committees. Cynda explained the possible duties associated with each committee. It was suggested that the sign up sheets also be sent out school-wide via GoogleDocs. It was also discussed how many volunteers would be needed for each committee.

During this time Mandy Eichelberger suggested having a universal theme throughout the year to tie each event together in order to be able to re-use decorations and other items. The school theme this year is "Companions on the Journey". Mandy suggested doing Wizard of Oz as the universal theme. Kelly Rohrbach made a motion to use Wizard of Oz as the theme throughout the school year and Jackie Leonard seconded the motion.

4) Innisbrook: Tari Frederick announced that the Innisbrook fundraiser will have a student kick-off on Thursday, August 28th, with catalogs coming home to begin sales on the following day. Tari handed out an information sheet to explain the history of the profits. There will once again be an incentive for any student who turns in at least 1 order. The overall goal this year is to sell \$20,000 worth of product.

5) Fall Book Fair: Elaine Green stated that the dates for the fall Book Fair are not set, as Scholastic has a new representative and there has been some conflict of dates. She will make an announcement when the dates are set.

6) 5K Announcement: Elizabeth Atkinson stated that the date of October 11th has been secured for this year's 5K Run/Walk and Fun Run. Kelly Rohrbach will be co-chairing the event.

7) Box Tops: Teresa Grissum explained that she turns in Box Tops every October and March. Jackie Leonard will be taking over this responsibility at some time in the future. Beth Vossler mentioned that there is a Box Top app as well.

It was mentioned that there are other hassle-free ways of earning money for the school. Suggestions were Target Red Card earning you 5% off your purchase and 1% for the school and Citizens Bank and Trust earning the school .05 per debit card swipe. However, it was mentioned that the used ink cartridges were not worth the hassle for the money that the school gets back.

8) Fund Requests: Cynda West stated that there were not any official fund requests, but there was a request from last meeting that was tabled, which was purchasing pea gravel for the preschool playground area. Kelly Rohrbach stated that the School Advisory Board is looking into it, as well as ways to make the playground safer.

The topic of outside balls/toys was also revisited. After some discussion, a motion was made by Shannon Griffy to approve \$200 for Morgan Sprigg to buy outdoor container and balls/toys and Risa Venable seconded. The Motion passed.

It was mentioned that it would also be hardly any cost to paint 4-square areas and hopscotch on the blacktop. Kelly Rohrbach stated that there is a Building and Grounds Committee within the School Advisory Board, which is to meet regarding the safety and functionality of the current playground.

Questions, Comments, and Suggestions: There were no questions, comments, or suggestions. Before the meeting an ice-breaker was played, and President Cynda West drew 2 names to award Breadeaux gift certificates to for their participation. It was mentioned that the next meeting is scheduled for November 4th at 6:30.

The meeting closed with a group prayer of Our Father.