

OLMC PTO BOARD MEETING
September 8, 2023, 11:15 A.M.

Present: Megan O'Connor, Sarah Mecklenburg, Tim Fletcher, Sr. Peter Marie, Michelle Koors, Katie Pasman, Annie Rott

Absent: Rachael Richards

PRINCIPAL REPORT - TIM FLETCHER

Shared relic (framed picture) of Blessed Carlos Acutis

- Relic ties into our theme of HOPE and the eucharist revival
- He had the idea of sending this relic around school to each classroom

School T-Shirts (with hope theme)

- T-Shirts will cost \$5.50 each (covered by PTO)
- A Google Doc will be sent out to parents asking student t-shirt size
- Need parent volunteer to organize t-shirt order

Late start school day followed by Presentation - Sept 29th

- Presentation from Sister Elena Marie - PHD as a psychologist
- Topic: Cultivating Hope, Trust and Peace in the family, overcoming obstacles from stress and anxiety
- Will offer a parent presentation immediately following the student one
- Parent presentation will be in Parish Life Hall, with coffee and donuts, more info to come

First household date - October 5th

- All students in school are grouped together with students from various grade levels and meet throughout the year

EANS Grants

- Federal govt put out a grant for schools during the pandemic to receive money for improving your school and OLMC received this Grant
- The Grant ran from 2020 year through Sept 2023, to spend all of this money and then a final report is put into the state
- Principal Fletcher has just submitted the last expenses for the grant
- Money spent on Learning spaces for PODS in school. All new furniture in PODS, being delivered the second week of October
- Also spent money on all new wifi in the building
- Money spent on areas where teachers and volunteers work in the work room
- Retrofitted 4 rooms in the parish life center that teachers/students can use
- The final two 6th grade classrooms will be changing out their furniture to new furniture
- Every classroom in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade will now have new furniture (except Mr Hughes room).
- Principal Fletcher reported it's a huge improvement in the school having this new furniture.

Safety Update:

- End of last year, Carmel Police Dept did a thorough assessment of school
- Police Assessment given to Tony Vespa (Safety committee) and he will analyze it
- Dept of Homeland security came in and did an assessment. Principal said school scores very well on safety measures, with new glass and video doorbell.

- Added Police Officer on campus has been well received
- It's an added expense with this extra security so we will have a day of giving— Nov 14-15th. Parents will have the opportunity to donate to school with money going toward safety and security of school.
- Goal is to raise \$15,000

Testing Update:

ILEARN

- Taken by 3rd-8th grade
- School scored well, went even higher this year, jumped 7% in Math.
- Adopted a new Math curriculum that was more rigorous than last curriculum so this may have helped our scores to improve

ILEARN ELA scores would good as well

-English/LA Score- 14th highest proficiency in the state (top .8%) all 3-8th grade For 400 students or above, we are the top rated school for proficiency.

-Math- jumped up to the 27th highest place in the state (top 1.5% public and non public schools)

ILEARN Science and Social Studies

-We are the #1 school in Hamilton County and diocese
Comparison to other schools- we are 7% proficiency higher than St Simon (and we are a similar size school). We had higher scores in Math than St Louis Demont.

It's a team effort to get these high scores for our schools (teachers, parents, staff, students!)

NWEA Scores

-On these tests, look at averages, for local, state, national level. Every grade level grew in NWEA Scores, we are in an upward trajectory

TREASURER REPORT - MICHELLE KOORS

Below is a list of PTO expenses and income summary:

August Summary

Income					Expenses				
Date	Description	Sage Code	Amount	Notes	Date	Description	Sage Code	Amount	Notes
11-Aug	Used Uniform Sales	2211-022	\$ (1,602.00)	May & Aug	14-Aug	Back to School Teacher Lunch	2211-024	\$ 499.65	Michelle Longley
	Mabels Labels	2211-034	\$ (51.20)		21-Aug	Mother's Mass Deposit	2211-036	\$ 500.00	Ash Goff
	Kroger	2211-034	\$ (952.45)			Card Stock for faculty gift	2217	\$ 25.11	Sr. Cecilia
21-Aug	Yearbook	2211-026	\$ (20.00)			Directory Spot Annual Subscription	2211-014	\$ 550.00	
	Used Uniform Sales	2211-021	\$ (35.00)		28-Aug	T-shirts for newcomers	2211-025	\$ 675.00	Elizabeth Spiderdowes
28-Aug	Used Uniform Sales	2211-022	\$ (47.00)			Raider Round Up	2211-021	\$ 209.75	Megan O'Conner
						1st Day Parent Reception	2211-021	\$ 42.99	Megan O'Conner
Total			\$ (2,707.65)		Total			\$ 2,502.50	

- Raise Right (formally script) helps pay for events that PTO can't cover throughout the year
- \$38-40K is what PTO expects to spend on events for the entire year

SCRIPT PROGRAM- Board will look into finding volunteers to help explain the SCRIPT program better

ECLIPSE GLASSES PROPOSAL - ANN HEILMAN

- Ann has proposal to use PTO funds to order Eclipse sunglasses for upcoming eclipses (Eclipse dates: Sat Oct 14th and Mon April 8th)
- Students are not in school on either of these dates but Ann said we can still encourage students to view these eclipses!
- Why sell these sunglasses and make this a big deal?
 - 1) Brings attention to this is happening (God's work)
 - 2) Generate excitement about this scientific phenomenonSeveral layers of eclipse- awe of God's creation of sun, moon, and stars. Truth, beauty, science all leads us to God.
- Ann found a certified vendor that we can purchase sunglasses from
- Her proposal is for PTO to buy 2000 glasses at 50 cents each (\$1000 plus shipping and tax)
- She would put glasses in long bags (1000 bags for \$71)
- Include a flyer sheet with information on eclipse
- Total cost would be \$1400
- Her idea is to sell these "glasses kits" to OLMC families- Food Truck Festival and through word of mouth
- Sell kits for \$2 a unit (includes glasses, flyer, and bag)
- If we sell out, PTO will make a profit of \$400-500. Ann's idea is to use this money toward bringing in an Astronomer Priest to talk to student body
- If Priest not available, her second idea is to use the money for STEM projects
- These glasses are currently in stock and will only take 2-3 days to ship
- Action: PTO VOTED: ALL member were in favor of Ann's idea. Will move forward with it!

PRESIDENT - MEGAN O'CONNOR

St Nicholas Shop - coming this December

- PTO offers a Christmas Shop (set up in Parish Hall) in December where students can bring in money and shop for gifts for family members
- Last year, we used Santa Shop Vendor but they did not have a lot of religious type items
- Board explored looking at another vendor (Village Dove) and shared the prices of their products. After reviewing product pricing list, Board agreed that Village Dove items on average are too expensive
- Action: Board agreed to continue to use Santa Shop Vendor but to request for Santa Shop to include more religious items

SECRETARY - KATIE PASMAN

Custodian Appreciation Day is coming up - Oct 2nd

- For staff appreciation days, PTO provides some goodies and gift cards to show our appreciation for all their hard work and efforts
- As we've done in past years, will provide donuts, coffee, lunch and gift cards to show our appreciation to custodial staff

-Action: Katie & Annie will check with custodians to coordinate coffee/donuts delivery and get their lunch orders. She will also request gift cards through Raise Right (Script). Katie & Annie will deliver treats on 10/2 to custodial staff.

Food Truck Festival

- Sept 28th 5:00-8:30 pm- in church parking lot
- Parish is requesting that there is school representation, so PTO will have a table set up
- Board Members suggested PTO members be on hand to explain Raise Right and Kroger programs
- Action: board members will fill time slots to man PTO table and set up table for event with candy and flyers

Babysitting Help during Conferences

- Parents have requested that school offer babysitting during conferences and it's been suggested that we could use junior high students to babysit
- Students could earn service hours
- Would need to use church nursery
- Need 2 adults present
- Action: We did not confirm whether we'll move forward with offering this. Megan will reach out to Leighton Drake to find out guidelines/regulations for childcare. Need to check availability of church nursery.

OUTGOING PRESIDENT - KATE VESPA

Mother's Mass & Brunch - October 2nd

- For invitations and collecting money for the Mother's Day Brunch in October, PTO has used Green Envelope subscription. However it costs \$300 to use their services so they explored other options. The church had software that they have used for the Gala but unfortunately their subscription is almost up.
- Action: We will continue to use Green Envelope this year, but will explore other options for next year since the \$300 fee is costly to PTO's budget.

Upcoming Events:

- 9/10- 8th Grade Carwash
- 9/13- Freddy's Fundraiser
- 9/15- Junior High Social
- 9/22 - Movie Night
- 9/25-9/28 School Book fair
- 9/28- Food Truck Festival - church parking lot
- 10/2- Mother's Mass and Brunch
- 10/6- 6th Grade Social
- 10/11- Staff Lunch for Teacher Conferences

Next meeting: Friday, October 13, 2023 @ 11:15 am

Closing Prayer: Sarah Meckelenburg