

SMA School Board Meeting

November 15, 2023

7:00pm in Beyenka Hall

Board Members Present: Fr. Greg, Wayne Wenzel, Chris Cwynar, Nick Zayas, Erin Szymanski, Ruben Ontanon, Lena Suwalski, Debra Ingargiola, Jennifer Reykjalín, and Eva Kogut

- 7:00 pm – Welcome & Prayer
- 7:05 pm - Approval of Minutes – Lena and Jen approved
- 7:10 pm – Pastor’s Report

-Working on identifying the needs regarding the building. Concrete on Mont Clare needs to be repaired. Fence by the playground/parking lot area needs attention. Replacing doors on exterior of school one at a time. We will try to use funds from fundraisers; parish will participate in the cost as well.

Thank you for attending family masses – very important for parishioners to see the young families.

- 7:20 pm – Principal’s Report

Ms. Fricano is recovering & continues to do better. Ms. Curtin is doing well in the classroom & communicating with Ms. Fricano.

We are moving to Edlio for the school website. We want to turn the website into more of a place for advertising, as well as informational. Goal is to show that the student is the hero of the website. The new website will inform parents looking at joining school and current families. Launch date – January

Drama presentation 11/16

Mustang of the month assembly at the end of each month. Focus on gospel driven students.

Officer Friendly program Thursday & Friday

Volunteer hours policy coming and being discussed.

Boosterthon is happening April 9-18th. We may do Donor's Choice. If so, I will make the opt out option clear to families in communications.

School improvement plan – Catholic identity piece is strong. Advent service will start on Mondays. We will do one on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

Tax credit program is no longer happening. OCS is encouraging us to work with the applicable families. We will try to work with our donors to help.

December 22nd is currently a full day. We may move it to a half day.

SWOT (strength, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis: Trying to get a state of the school on the calendar.

- 7:23 pm – Committee Updates

- Environmental Awareness (Ruben)

- Landscapers came and did a great job. There is wood by the 2nd grade door – it is getting soft and wobbly & needs replaced.

- Would like some pavers by the Molly tree.

- Ruben would like to do something in the building to help in the environmental aspect – possibly Recycling.

Gardens need to be prepped before classes plant so that weeds can be prevented.

Dead trees were taken out & will be replaced by new ones.

- Legislative Action Policy Report (Eva) – Tax credit program no longer happening (covered by Wayne).

- Hospitality (Eva & Jen): Room parent binder coming along.
Parent teacher conference dinner is planned.
Still waiting for kindergarten, 7th, and 8th grade classes money from room parents.
We will provide a hot breakfast for the teachers the week before Christmas break.

- CIA (Phil)- not present.
Lena is running movie night 11/17 in Beyenka Hall. Would like to fundraise from CIA events for a new projector.

- Finance (Mike)- not present
Update: Gala surveys only received 10 responses.

- Alumni (Chris)
Working on my class –25th year class reunion is next year. Working on having the class at the Gala next year.
Sharing everything that is posted on SMA website.

- Volunteers (Chris, Debbie, Lena, Nick)
Sign up genius for volunteers is doing well.

- Fundraising(Chris, Debbie, Lena, Nick)

- 7:35 pm – Old Business
 - Marketing – meeting planned for 11/17.
 - Trunk or Treat (10/21) 8th grade running concessions all proceeds goes to their 8th grade dance. (Made \$384)
 - Gala made over \$20,000 (Looking to use those funds for new concrete on Mont Clare and new gym doors.)
 - Website Improvements: covered in principal's report.
 - Curriculum scopes and sequences onto the website. Teachers are working on this. The deadline is mid-January.
 - The 75th Anniversary mass was great.
 - Book Fair - Pre-K 4 parent will take over: Lydia Foley
- 7:40 pm – New Business

- Marketing – meeting planned for 11/17
- Confidentiality (Although this is an open meeting, nothing we say/come up with is final and set in stone. We ultimately need Fr. Greg & Wayne's blessing.)
- Tacos Buscados Dine Out (\$200.00)
- Movie Night 11/17/23: Super Pets
- Northwood Wreaths all orders due 11/17. Extra will be for sale on December 2nd and 3rd.
- Breakfast with Santa Dec 2nd. There will be games, cookie decorating, pancakes & sausage, writing letters to Santa.
- What would it take to become a Blue-Ribbon School?
Wayne: We do not currently qualify. It is definitely a goal that we would love to achieve. Currently we have some holes in reading and math that would need to be filled to achieve this. This will take work and a lot of buy in from all stakeholders.
- Wayne update regarding the programing for online bidding for the gala: The program cost \$1500 (from Wayne's school last year). Maestrosoft was the company.
- Spirit wear store update:
We are looking at Areli Sportswear. We like it & would like to get our hands on the product to see the quality.
Would like to have a stock up all the time & some items that go up seasonally based on the sport/event.

Looking into having spirit days for special events/games.

- 7:55 pm - Visitor's Open Discussion (2 mins per question)

Parent: Dec 22nd half day will be hard. If the aftercare program is running that would be helpful.

Wayne: We can definitely make that work.

Parent: If I don't usually use after care, would I be able to go that one day?

Wayne: I would not want parents to have to pay the registration fee for that one day. I'll talk to extended care staff.

Joe Ronchi: Edelweiss was excellent. Parishioners loved it.

Anniversary mass was put together quickly & greatly. I was very grateful for all those that helped.

Thank you to the school for the food drive. It will be a success.

The area that is needed for storage: The Knights of Columbus have a shelving unit. The Knights will move the junk out & put the shelves in. Throw out whatever you want or keep whatever you want.

- 8:25 pm - Meeting Adjourned

Future meeting date: Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

*** NO DECEMBER MEETING MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW
YEAR***