



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

PARENT FORUM

Parent Forum Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

6:30 p.m.

St. Joseph School - LRC

Attending Board Members: Mrs. Stasi, Mara Kearney, Mari D'Alessio, Celeste Vineski, Jennifer D'Souza

Guest Attendance: Joan Buxton – SJS School Advisory Board Liaison
Teri Dhein

Opening Prayer

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the May 2015 meeting were approved electronically and have been posted on the Parent Forum web page. The secretary position will be open since Jen D'Souza and Shannon Aguero will be moving into the vice-president role.

Principal's Report:

Allergy issue

The new Allergy Policy went into effect this school year. Room mothers are encouraged to send out a list of activities/foods to parents of their class to ensure that everyone is in the loop on what will happen during classroom parties. The next steps are to have all teachers/staff be able to identify students with allergic reactions and react accordingly if the student is in distress. Teachers have discussed that students in K-3 must have Epi-Pens if indicated. Additionally, for students in K-3, a bag containing Epi-Pens will be carried to and from the classrooms to specials. Students in grades 4 and 5 may carry their own EpiPen possibly in a hard case on their person. Students in grades 6-8 will be responsible for carrying their Epi-Pen with them at all times.

School Directories

The school directories are being finalized. The deadline for any changes is 9/9/15.

Iowa Testing

Iowa testing will occur from September 21-25, 2015

Parish Fest

Parish Fest will occur on 9/26/15 after the 5pm Mass.



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President's Report:

- Curriculum Night Sixty volunteers signed up for committees online with many additional on Curriculum Night. Most committees have at least 1-2 volunteers and some have up to 15-20 volunteers.
- Committee Chairs Open positions for committee chairs include: Buddy Family chair and Parent Forum secretary.
- Preschool There has been a request from a parent who would like to try and establish buddy families for preschool. The PF committee will continue to look into this possibility.
- Picture Day Class pictures are scheduled for September 10-11, 2015.
- Book Fair The Book Fair has been set for November 18-23, 2015. A committee chair is in place and there have been several volunteers who are willing to help with the Book Fair.
- Teachers' Blog There was a question presented about which platform should be used to host future Teachers' Blogs. Mara will continue this discussion with the Technology Committee.
- Website Updates Parent Forum Committee members will now be updating the website periodically with new information.

Treasurer's Report:

The reimbursement form has been updated to reflect information on the new Parent Forum treasurer, Celeste Vineski. Celeste provided a report on the final 8/1/14 to 7/31/15 budget showing income/loss by category. Financial activity from 8/1/15 to present was described by category. Celeste provided the bank ending balance as of 9/7/15.

Next Meeting: October 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the School LRC

Adjournment