

PA Meeting Notes-9/11/18

- Number of families in attendance=27 families from sign-in sheet
- Wine Social=6:00pm-6:36pm
- Start of meeting=6:36pm
- Welcome from PA President/Introduction of PA Board & Committee Leads
 - Molly W., Tiffany B., Rocky M., Angela C., Maeleen H.
 - Meg C., Megan B., Jessica F.
- Discussed/Commented on new meeting format for PA Meetings
- Acknowledged Sharon Miller and grant request website
 - Launched grant form online for requests to be submitted
 - Multiple requests can be made if funds are available
- PA Updates:
 - Back to School Night event and success
 - Tables/Groups represented in gym
 - Summary information given at event
 - Cinch Sacks=student back to school gift
 - Volunteer forms=75 families responded
 - Used uniform sales
 - Need families to volunteer to serve at school lunch breaks
 - Trash Bags
 - Participation from whole school/only required fundraiser
 - Budget Update
 - 2017/2018 Budget approved
 - Still counting/collecting school lunch funds from last year-billing delayed, funds still coming in
 - Trash bag funds still coming in for previous school year-spring/summer sales
 - Teacher Appreciation
 - Lunch sponsored by PA in Oct./Dec.
 - Teacher's conferences-10/19/18
 - Upcoming events
 - Book Fair=10/7/18
 - Health & Wellness week=10/30/18-11/2/18
 - Megan Berry requested ideas/assistance from parents on H&W week and other Enrichment
 - Send follow-up request/email to parents
 - Hospitality
 - Events
 - Field Day
 - Art Show=added to dance program at school vs/ GP Day
 - Grandparent's Day
 - Breakfast with Bunny
 - Need to identify chairs/co-chairs to make sure that we always have an event backup point person
 - Need to reserve space/dates with Church-communicate with Cheryl Taylor

Principal's Update: (6:55pm)-Cara Swinefurth

- Discussed the settling of classrooms and classroom overview with teachers
- Discussed building classroom community
 - Family pictures/feeling of second home for students/getting to know students
- Grants Discussed “Prevention Matters” Grant-North Deanery w/ Bishop Chatard H.S.
 - STA 1 of 4 school participating in grant
 - Grant focus=health and wellness
 - Mr. Arnold/Mrs. Key assisting students (7th/8th graders)
 - Program can continue at Bishop Chatard for 9th/10th grade
 - Concepts=coping, suicide, peer relations, communication, Alcohol/Drug/Tobacco abuse & Vaping
 - Discussion/Information given on dealing with those topics
- School Accreditation Visit (occurs every 3-4 years)
 - Office of Catholic schools conducts the visit
 - Interview will occur
 - Principal & Priest
 - Children & parents- Mrs. Swinefurth will contact families with more details are the date approaches-emails, focus groups, surveys, etc.
 - All staff
 - Date=10/24/18 (day before fall break)
 - Review of facility
 - Classrooms
 - Group talks
 - All areas of building
 - Immediate Feedback is given & also a full report in 6 weeks
 - Published on school website
- New faculty & families at school
- Things to be mindful of:
 - Safety for drop-off and pickup-car lot procedure reviewed
 - Crossing at crosswalks
 - Visitor badge when entering the school-no exceptions
- Great at STA- build good relationships with school and parents
 - Parent Support
 - Commitment to Education
 - Partnership/Community
 - Procedure cooperation
 - Good communication
- New format for school scoops-discussed format and what information to find with school newsletter

PA Speakers

- Robotics (7:07pm-7:18pm) -learn engineering, robotics, team building
 - Mrs. Hoyt gave a talk and video demo on what the club creates and competes with at student meets
 - Start=6 yrs ago
 - Support=PA, Parents, Grants (R. Sochacki), Aquinas Club

- Need volunteers for program (engineering/robotics background)
 - Teams=7 (29 students)- Indiana has the most team of any US State competing
 - Tournaments (2-3)
 - Cost
 - \$40 per tournament
 - \$100/\$150 per team
- School Commission (7:18pm-7:25pm)
 - Andrew Purdie gave details on what commission was and how it relates to the school
 - Vision, Administrative staff, Ministry, Etc.
 - Advising assisted by parent support, young alumni, commission board
 - Committees: strategic planning-meets every other month
 - Finance=school budget
 - Tech=Technology enrichment/enhancement
 - Catholic Identity=faith & unity
 - Marketing=needs new chair person
 - PA=Parent's Association
- CYO Athletics (7:25pm-7:40pm)
 - AD introduction
 - Chris & Liz discussion of programs
 - Gave list of sports at STA
 - Discussed fundraiser-Poinsettia sale
 - Volleyball
 - Basketball
 - Track
 - Soccer
 - Cross country
 - Discussed Northside athletics and starting own leagues with other CYO schools in area
 - Kickball
 - Discussed start of Tennis League

Ways & Means Update-Sheila Brown Introduction

- Gave list of programs
- Gave contact information for ways to help
- Discussed follow-up for forms given to PA for review

Meeting adjourned/motion approved/meeting end: 7:43pm