

Minutes for H&S Meeting
August 18,2009
Parish Hall
Orientation for parents

- I. Prayer- Kristin Strehlow, H&S President
- II. Introduction of members of H&S Association and School Board
- III. Finance Presentation – Rick Olsen, School Board President
 - Overview of Facts and Figures. Tuition rates are lower than other area parochial schools. 33% of budget is funded by tuition
 - Enrollment has increased this year
 - Childcare program doing very well
 - Recognized outgoing SB members: Katie Meyer and Dick Brisson
- IV. Safeguarding our children (Lisa Schonemann, Coordinator)
 - **Every volunteer and employee must attend a Safeguarding Awareness session, including a national and state background check (every 5 years).** It is mandatory for fieldtrips and volunteering.
 - Upcoming dates are August 26, Sept 14 and Sept 17.
- V. Healthy Lunch Program (Renee Staehling)
 - In accordance with focus on health and wellness policy, the lunch program was reviewed and revamped this school year. SJB received a generous donation of a salad bar which will have fresh fruits and vegetables, and will be incorporated into the program sometime this fall. Milk choices will be skim or 1%.
- VI. Home and School Budget (Tracie Nygaard)
 - Review of 2009-2010 Budget. Operating Budget saw an increase in revenue secondary to less than expected expenditures. Fundraising budget is different than the operating budget, in which we need to raise \$25,000 for the parish to offset tuition costs.
 - Kristin Strehlow reviewed fundraisers and responded to the question of inflatables at the school picnic, that it would be possible if we exceeded the \$25000 goal.
- VII. Home and School Activities
 - Social PAT – Peggy Huhn – Mentor program initiated with social in the library on the 1st day of school.
 - Communication PAT – Katie Kleiber – Portions of the Handbook to be placed in the binders at home. Monthly themes correlate with Dividends for Life through the United Way.
 - Education PAT – Jill Rhude - Colleen Huibregtse and Jill are looking for more members, as well as volunteers for the walking program. 11 – 12:45 Tuesdays and Fridays
 - Volunteer PAT – Julie Lavine is stepping down. **Coordinator position is open** Volunteer list is compiled.

- **Key dates:** H&S Fish Fry March 5th, 2010. H&S meets quarterly 11/10/09, 1/28/10, and TBD (pending spring concert dates)
 - Fundraising – Fall Calendar sale. **Need coordinator.** Permission slips need to be returned for photos. Goal for each family to sell 4 – 6 calendars to make \$9-16,000. Spring fundraiser will be a Fun run. More to come at future meetings.
- VIII. School Fundraising – Kristin Strehlow
- Fundraising Task Force completed, with results in family folder. 75-80% of the parents surveyed believe that everyone should participate in fundraising. More information will follow at upcoming meetings.
- IX. Closing remarks from Principal, Jeanne Bitkers. Open House August 27th. Thanks to our teachers and volunteers.
- X. Social for new families provided by Social PAT

Minutes respectfully submitted by Colleen McConnaha, H&S Secretary