

PTO Meeting
April 12, 2010
7:00pm
Library

Present at the meeting: Cathy Johnson, Heather Madden, Michael Planey, Mary Burner, Myleen Lankford, Ann Bremner, Anne Hoffman, Eileen Joransen, Dave Fenimore, Mary Gately, Rebecca Barnes, Cathy Purcell, Maddy Mitchell, Michael Haas, Kelly Brinley, Valerie Garcia and Joe Ferrara

Welcome by Joe Ferrara

Opening Prayer by Joe Ferrara

Principals Report – Presented by Valerie Garcia

- 6th Graders placed 3rd at the Odyssey of the Mind Competition for the entire Commonwealth of Virginia. Congrats to them and bravo for their incredible sportsmanship that they displayed!!
- The 5th grade girls won the Championship in basketball
- It has been a busy month as the school celebrated: First Penance for 2nd grade, 3rd grade did a great job with the Living Stations, and Music Man was such a great performance.
- The Golf Tournament will be on Monday, May 24 at Pohick Bay
- The school is scheduled for their Design for Excellence accreditation in April 2011. The accreditation looks at the entire school to include the facilities and curriculum. They will come and look at documents that the school creates that shows what the school does everyday. They will then come and see the school in action to see if what is on paper is what they are seeing in the classroom. They will then give recommendations. The school will then check the goals and the recommendations that have been given and see if there are any changes that we want to make. This accreditation is a school wide effort with the church, teachers, parents and the entire staff involved
- Special thanks for Michael Planey and Chris Byrom for all of their work in trying to resurface the ECC playground

ECC Report – Presented by Kelly Brinley

- Thank you for your generosity in collecting items for Mariah center. They were so overwhelmed with all of the diapers, wipes, strollers, etc. that were delivered.

- Earth day will be celebrated on April 27 with the hopes that the playground will be back in working order
- The ECC spring concert (Down on the Farm) will be on May 12 at 9:30am in the gym
- The ECC calendar has been extended to Friday, May 28 with a 12noon dismissal (there will be no extended day)

Finances – Presented by Maddy Mitchell

- The auction totals are as follows: The auction netted approximately \$80,000 with \$28,000 of that to go to the Fund-A-Need which is the new playground

Funding for The Buzz (the school newspaper) – presented by Joe Ferrara

- The Buzz is looking for assistance to help defray some of their costs
- While the PTO does not assist any of the other after school activities, the PTO feels that this is a special case due to the fact that EVERY student in the school is affected by the Buzz whether they are writers or simply readers of the Buzz
- The PTO unanimously approved to give the Buzz \$1000 to help with their expenses

Playground Update – Presented by Heather Madden

- Fundraising has been fabulous
- There are have been many parent donations and sponsorships
- The first target of \$55,000 has been hit
- The resurfacing of the ECC playground is proving to be a much bigger job than first anticipated
- Professionals need to be brought in to finish the job due to the extremely large pockets of mud that are located throughout the playground
- New mulch will be ADA compliant and we don't want to continue to put the new mulch on top of the old mulch which is what has been happening
- The ECC playground needs to be done quickly because of recertification coming up soon
- The parish finance council will be presented with what we have raised so far and how much more we need.
- We will be presented that the ECC playground is a capital improvement project /big safety issue that needs to be addressed
- Once the building materials list is compiled, local businesses will be solicited

PTO Survey – Presented by Joe Ferrara

- 126 families have completed the survey
- One final push will be made by sending the live link to room parents who will then send on to parents

Succession Planning for the PTO Board – Presented by Joe Ferrara

- Some parents have come forward and offered to be on the board
- There are still some vacancies that we need filled before the May 18 Fine Arts Night

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 by Joe Ferrara. Next meeting will be held on Monday, May 3, 2010 in the Library