

Mount Carmel School Board Meeting
September 12, 2017
Minutes

Attendees - Teresa Anthony, Maureen Arnott, Ed Gory, Marie Hersh, Kelly Keniston, Colleen Langridge, Jackie Nunez, Kelly O'Connor, Adam Plumpton

Prayer – Teresa Anthony

Introductions

Principal's Report – Teresa Anthony

- Welcome to 2017-18 Board. We are looking for a few new Board members. Kelly Keniston is our new Finance Committee Chair.
- Blacktop Project (Adam Plumpton)
 - o Project went very smoothly. Added new playground games such as chess, chutes and ladders, shuffleboard, etc., as well as a "trike track" in the Pre-K Courtyard.
 - o Mats under play structures should be good for another 4 years or so.
- Our next maintenance project is a cosmetic overhaul of the girls' bathroom.
- We are looking at the feasibility of going solar.
- We have 3 new teachers who are being mentored by 3 returning teachers.
- 288 students in grades TK – 8. Low number of Kindergarten apps.
- We would like to assemble a committee of parents to strategize about marketing.
- Applications and tours will begin in mid-October.
- Round-Up – 71% of families contributed during registration, which is higher than last year, but \$\$\$ are down.
- Finance Committee finishing up documents to submit revised budget to Archdiocese.
- Nori Jabba is still helping us with development, Kelly O'Connor has also taken on responsibilities in development, including applying for grants and composing the 2018-19 Admissions brochure:
- School Foodies continues to offer out Tue, Wed, Thu Lunch. They have updated their ordering system.
- Fall Fundraiser continues.
- Auction – Jessica Ham has moved out of the area, but will continue as Auction Chair. This year, all bidding will be done online (phones, tablets) rather than on paper.

Pre-Kindergarten Programs – Maureen Arnott

- Pre-School and Pre-K classes began yesterday. Three and four year olds are combined this year, but separated into "learning groups" within the larger class.

Art Program – Kelly O'Connor

- Recently participated in the Redwood City Cultural Arts Commission Art Contest. We had the most winners from any school.
- Showed photos of the Keniston family delivering the Crane Origami project to its final destination – The Children's Peace Project in Hiroshima, Japan.
- A group of students took time during the summer to help paint two of the Redwood City utility boxes, one with a music theme and one with a library (books) theme.
- The 8th grade (class of 2017) Chalice Book project is almost finished. We should have some copies available for Mrs. Anthony and Mrs. Furrer to bring to the SF Archdiocesan's Priests' Retirement Luncheon on September 29th. After that, we will sell them online with the proceeds going to the Priests' Retirement Fund.
- Working to get Admissions Brochure out by October 16th.
- Have arranged with Yvette and Fr. Ulysses to set aside one section of the Sunday Bulletin for school announcements each week. Kelly will keep them apprised of what will go in.
- We are beginning our third year of Art-In-Action. Classes, especially in the middle and upper grades go more smoothly, now that the kids are familiar with the medium and techniques used.

Parent Services Report – Marie Hersh

- School Foodies lunch service has a new ordering system. There is a "learning curve" involved. Should smooth out as time goes by.
- Friday Lunch this year will be a rotation of Pizza and Pasta lunches – two pizza to one pasta. No more soda or juice to drink, only water; and we have added a salad to the meal.

PTG Report – Colleen Langridge for Karen Sammons

- All grades have at least one room parent.
- All Parent Socials are scheduled.
- We need to find a new Mother Daughter event, since the skating rink has closed down.

Sports Program Report – Ed Gory

- We have 7 volleyball and 5 baseball teams. First games were played last weekend.

Meeting adjourned – 8:25 p.m.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. This is a change from the regularly scheduled week.