

# PGT Meeting Notes

October 13th, 2021

**Start** 8:15am

**Welcome** - Staci Hart

Prayer, **The Angelus** - Mr. Filice

Teacher / Student council update - Mrs. Arata & Student Council

- Upcoming events
  - **Cancer awareness month**
    - October 14th & 28th - - \$1 bake sale
    - Oct 21 - - \$2 free dess
    - All proceeds are going to be donated to Alex's lemonade stand foundation (to help with research for childhood cancer).
  - **Spirit week** - - Oct 11-15th
    - Thursday - sports day (add on)
    - Friday 80's day (free dress)
  - **School picture retakes** - - October 20th
  - **School family mass** (10:00am)
    - September 24th - 4th & 5th
      - If students wear their uniform, they get free dress on the following Monday
      - New resource center open house & blessing
  - **Red ribbon week** - - October 25th - October 29th
    - Monday : We are too bright for drugs - - wear sunglasses
    - Tuesday : Drugs can't find me - - camo add on
    - Wednesday : Proud to be drug free - - red, white & blue add on
    - Thursday : Lei off drugs - - hawaiian add on
    - Friday : Say BOO to drugs - - halloween costumes
    - Working on assembly for Wednesday October 27th from 1-2:20 in the gym
  - **Halloween parade & classroom trick or treating** - - October 29th
  - **Canned food drive** - - November 1st - 19th
    - TK - Rice (bag or box)
    - K - Canned veggies
    - 1st - Cereal
    - 2nd - Pasta
    - 3rd - Canned fruit
    - 4th - Bean's (dried or canned)
    - 5th - Instant potatoes
    - 6th - Top ramen or canned soup
    - 7th - Mac & cheese
    - 8th - Canned tune

## Principle Update - Mr. Filice

- First week of November will be a book fair with scholastic
- School communication is a work in progress, we are working on formalizing the process and getting the calendar up to date.
- New hot lunch app
  - Historically it was hard to manage with ad hoc request and ensuring we have enough preset lunches for all
  - We understand the new process isn't perfect, don't worry all children that want lunch will get lunch
  - You can bring Rachel a check up front and she can process the money into your account for a credit.
  - Hot lunch tab is at the top of beehively or you can download the app
  - Open questions / items to work through:
    - having to deal with the company that services the app can be confusing.
- Dress code
  - Please review the email that was sent last week by Mr. Filice
  - Children need to look presentable and represent St. Johns - no hats
  - Lands end is still backordered, having a hard time getting smaller sizes, everything is backordered.
    - A few parents looking into getting one local company to help with embroidering
  - Driver volunteers
    - Current requirement is that you are symptom free for 24hrs and paperwork into the office to be qualified to drive
    - Drivers and children in car are required to wear mask
  - Room mom
    - We are working on pulling together a formal set of responsibilities for room moms
  - We are working on to pull together our accreditation's
    - The overall process takes 6 years, if done well it will last for 6 years
    - Parent help is crucial, surveys to provide feedback on how we can do better as a school will serve as a baseline. Then next year we will review the feedback and see what we did to improve.
      - Look for an email if you wish to be involved
  - COVID Vaccination
    - Mr. Filice's personal opinion - he will not ask kids to be vaccinated, that is a parents choice.
    - He will be syncing with the Bishop to understand their standing Overall we will be guided by the same 3 principles that we have referenced since the beginning
    - What if there is a huge influx of students wanting to enrol, will that happen?
      - Most classes do not have room for any new students. For the classes that have some room, we want to be respectful to the existing community and are advising interested new families to attend the winter open house and plan for the following school year.

- New families coming in for the wrong reasons, because they do not wish to vaccinate their children and not necessarily for the Catholic education.
  - When vetting new families we are ensuring the above is taken into consideration
- Existing families will always get priority over new families
  - We will need ‘ strength in numbers ‘ and stay unified as a school as the vaccination conversation progresses
- This year is a different year
  - We had a lot of children that haven’t been in class for a few years now
  - Next year will be better as everyone (children/adults) get back into the routine

#### **Update on positions for PTG - Staci Hart**

- Do not currently need a VP
- Stacy Hastings for secretary
  - Motion - Staci Hart
  - Second - Cinnamon
- Will be sending out notes after every PTG meeting and keep a binder for future reference (will also be under the PTG page on the website)
- Any changes that come in this meeting will require a motion & second

#### **Jog-A-Thon update - Staci Hart**

- \$65,000 raised (Gross)- most that has EVER been done!
  - Are the funds that we raised going through the foundation? **Add to agenda for next month to discuss differences**
    - No, only events thrown by the foundation will go through the foundation
      - Foundation funds is more longevity (PTG not involved with foundation)
      - Others will be general fund
        - Ex: anything to run the business day to day
  - Be sure to log your hours if you haven’t already!
    - You can log your volunteer hours yourself through Beehively in the payment
    - 30 hours per year tracked / not tracked? How? **will add to the agenda for for next month with Mr. Filice**
  - Items to look into before next year
    - Having TK / K separate from 1-3rd
    - Will most likely continue to keep it at the school
    - Come up with a better way to track and prevent cheating
    - Ways to improve communication / process for turning packets in and t-shirts
      - More communication on what events children get rewards for
        - Where does the communication come from? Office / Staff / Room Moms - too much?
        - Working with Mr. Filice on process for decision making & communication
        - Beehively has a calendar, can we add everything in there?

- Keeping everything there at a school level as well as class level

**Fall Festival** - Staci Hart

- Friday October 15th 5-8pm
- Ticket sales end today at 5pm in order to have enough time to order food
  - If you plan on eating you need to order today
  - You can buy dinner tickets now and raffle/arcade tickets at the event
  - Dinner will be served from 5-7:30pm

**OBN** - Staci Hart

- Getting started with planning
- Saturday February 12th at Mary Agatha Furth Center in Windsor

**Other**

- Tiger box
  - Student suggestions - student council will manage this and bring suggestions every PTG meeting
  - Need a new location for the box as students are not allowed in the office

**Next PTG meeting: November 10th at 8:15am**

**Adjourned** at 9:10am