**Our Lady of Grace Catholic School**

**Parent School Organization (PSO)**

**Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

**9:30 AM – Dining Room**

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| **Attendees:** | Liz Reeves  Jackie Walter  Amanda Fritz  Natalie Davidson  Stevie Sislo  Amy Dennison  Mike McGinty  Jim Dahlman | Sarah Leinberger  Jen Lesch  Kate Simek  Jamie Teigen  Marie Maslowski  Jenny Volden  Bridget Madich  Abigale Pipride  Jenny Helmer  Katie Quinn  Shelly Windom | Erica Hamilton  Jenni Crowley  Andrea Schwarz  Renee Rasmussen  Beth Horn  Katie Tucci  Kate Ostlund  Shannon Anderson  Niki Schaff  Kristin Robinson  Christina Cusic |
| **Prayer** | * Led by Liz Reeves | | |
| **Leadership Report**  **Mike McGinty**  **Jim Dahlman** | Head of School Update   * + - Great start to the school year and thank you to everyone that has helped with the process     - 42 of 45 teachers moved so even more help was needed with new building     - Preschool drops added to the mix of new processes     - All is going well and have received good feedback     - 85 employees work in our school and 10-15 more that we share with the church     - We are teaching what and who is OLG to the new employees who are getting up to speed     - We ask for prayers for all staff     - 110 kids in preschool – thank you for trusting us with your children     - 705 students K-8th grade     - 400+ families including preschool   Middle School Update   * + - 10 new MS employees and new campus minister and part-time assistant teacher     - New Math tutor helping with team teaching and individual students     - New schedule this year with M-F schedule and 6 periods instead of 8. More instructional time and time to work on assignments     - Changing back to Letter grading system soon!     - Putting a lot on our teachers and especially the new teachers so asking for our prayers and grace | | |
| Treasurer’s Report  Amanda Fritz | * PSO gave $200K back to the school last year * Please use the expense form sent out by Liz * Reach out to Amanda if you do not know your budget * If it’s a large purchase please ask if it can be billed directly to PSO and Amanda will write a check for it. | | |
| **Recent Events** | | | |
| New Family Playdates and Orientation | * Every Kindergarten family received a mentor * Transfers had a liaison for each gender and grade as a point of contact * Each Kindergarten class had park playdates | | |
| Teacher/Staff Welcome Lunch | * Back to School teacher welcome lunch served 70 people * Feedback was good * They were able to sit down and get to know each other * Higher end of budget – Chiptole * Christmas lunch will do something similar | | |
| Used Uniform Sale | * Largest sale to date!! * Over $4000 in revenue * Jamie is retiring so need new co-chairs! | | |
| Spirit Wear | * Bernies sold out * Some Warmies left and will sell at Dedication weekend * Pick-ups went well. Some issues with sizes from vendor | | |
| **Upcoming Events** |  | | |
| Social Committee | * Coffees for each grade just started * Need less coffee and food * 8th grade is not until Feb because doing Marathon right now * Parents Night Out starting soon * Every grade will have one – all at ECC * RSVP’s are going well * Have not set Middle school yet – deciding if break up or keep all grades together * Still will be setting up MNO at Hilltop in the future * Try to have 2 parent events a year * Will we include preschool in some social events * They will be part of MNO but not PNO * First year back to doing these events again * We are still trying to figure out how to include preschool in all events | | |
| Dedication Weekend | * No PSO specific update * Goose Chase app is very popular * Sat and Sun is Kids Fest * Sunday will have an ice cream truck * Mass at 10am- say prayers for weather * Bingo on Sunday – big prizes after mass * Volunteer opportunities still open | | |
| Pep Fest/Marathon | * 9/23-10/1 * Each student to donate $150 * 10/1 Color Run same as last year * Treats, NUD and Music * Supports our TA’s and technology fund * Ran by the 8th grade families | | |
| Pancake Breakfast | * Sunday 9/25 * 8:30-12:30 * All in person! * QR code to order * 2nd grade fundraiser and a SUG for those parents and MSSC * It is the Kick-off event to Marathon * Will take cash at door but prefer Cheddar UP via QR code | | |
| Grandparents Day | * 5th and 7th on 9/28 * 1st and 3rd on 10/5 * We changed up the grade pairings to allow for grandparents traveling * Will run like last year * Meet grandparents before mas * Can be a special person but not a parent * Get a flower and donut holes and coffee * Photos opportunities * They can go back to classroom but that is not the preferred option by teachers * Younger grades will make a craft for the grandparents * RSVP link in weekender * Asking for addresses for the school * Hard stop at 10:30 am * They can do a tour of the new building at 10:45 * Volunteers needed for each classroom * School mass is still livestreamed for those that cannot attend | | |
| Secret Santa Shop Photos | * Sat 10/8-and Sun 10/9 * Supports JPII * Moved from library to outside and can include parish and preschool families and also entire families * Sales went up triple because of adding more families * Going to have old velvet couch as the setting * Hot Cocoa Stand build help needed posted in the weekender * Need some parent volunteers and MSSC volunteers same as last year- SUG link in weekender * Same weekend as Little Saints Fall Fest * Price - $50 per session. * Barely made any money on ornaments last year – will come later to wait for Shutterfly sale | | |
| Family Mass and Breakfast | * 10/17 Mother/Daughter * 10/18 Father/Son * Donuts and coffee after mass * SUG to go out for parent and MSSC volunteers | | |
| Veteran’s Day | * Friday Nov 11 * Ordered decorated cookies for all 4 branches of the military * MSSC to put out flags * MSSC to make cards to give to the Veterans * Grades 4-8 attend and any other students with a Veteran can attend | | |
| Thanksgiving Baskets | * No update yet * Each class has a list of donations * MSSC helps deliver the baskets | | |
| **Looking Ahead** | | | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | Sponsor-A-Family | * The requests have gone up with several expensive items * More gift cards toward big items * We are in touch with the people who handle the lists | | Santa’s Secret Shop | * It will still be in the library but possible other locations that could host it * Will be checking in on budget * Still only K-8 because we can’t handle Pre-schoolers shopping yet * 10,000 items with a budget of $10K budget and we take any donations * On Fridays we used to open to parish community but that ended with Covid and possibly could reopen this to preschool families | | Staff Christmas Gift | * No update on this yet | | Holiday Boutique | * 12/11 * How can we make more money and a make it a better fundraiser * Do you charge for the booths? How much? | | Student Christmas Lunch | * 12/16 | | Staff Christmas Lunch | * 12/20 | | | | |
| **Ongoing/Discussion Topics / Open Floor** | | | |
| Art Adventures | * SUG has gone out | | |
| Room Parents | * They have been picked and notified | | |
| Library | * SUG has gone out to help | | |
| Resource Room | * Need to find a new home for this | | |
| Social Shopping Events | * Will still try to do a few a year but not as many as previous years | | |
| MSSC | * No update | | |

**Next Meeting Date: 0ct 11, 2022 at 9:30am, Church Dining Room**