

## DCES Parent Guild Meeting Minutes September 5, 2018

Meeting began at 7:09 p.m. with an opening prayer, Hail Mary.

The members of the DCES Parent Guild board introduced themselves.

Melissa Celani and Dawn Hansen – co-presidents

Amy Moore – treasurer

Samantha Hunt-Kline – secretary

### Treasurer's Report

- Amy Moore reported that, as of the end of the 2017-18 school year, the PG account balance was approximately \$39,000.
- Mrs. Grabarkiewicz, assistant principal, then reported on how the PG funds were reinvested into the school over the summer on several capital expenditures, such as building improvements and technology for students and teachers including:
  - 10 new Promethean Boards were purchased for classrooms, including some of the younger grades.
  - Chromebooks were purchased to assist students with reading.
  - Tablets were purchased for each of the junior high school students (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades).
  - A network drop was installed for improved wireless connectivity for the teachers.
  - Flooring and lockers were renovated in the halls and classrooms on the lower level.
  - New sound-dampening boards were installed in the cafeteria.

### Fundraising

- There are four major fundraisers throughout the year
  - **First Day School Supplies** – Melissa Celani noted that \$500 was raised, and it is the convenience for families to have all the school supplies shipped to the school and waiting in each child's classroom, that is the appeal of this fundraiser.
  - **Little Caesars Pizza Kits** – Melissa also reported that the PG will sell Little Caesars Pizza Kits again this year, but the timing is likely to change. Last year, this fundraiser raised approx. \$1,500 for the school.
  - **Holiday Boutique** – This is the largest fundraiser for DCES, which raised approx. \$25,000 for the school last year. This is Erika Laszlo's last year as the chairperson this event. A new chairperson is needed to step into that role – to shadow Erika this year and to chair the event next year. If anyone is interested, please contact Erika at [ellaszlo@gmail.com](mailto:ellaszlo@gmail.com).
  - **Better Made Potato Chips** – Kelly Geresy reported that approx. \$4,200 in profit was raised from the Better Made Chips fundraiser. Kelly made an appeal for volunteers when the chips are delivered to the school. DOVE hours are available. Please contact Kelly at: [kdavisgeresy@me.com](mailto:kdavisgeresy@me.com)

## **Book Bank**

- Book Bank is the reading incentive program at DCES. Students who read and log 500 pages in a 6-week period of time can earn an out-of-uniform pass. Those who read 1000 pages receive a Buddy's Pizza Coupon. Student participants are also entered into raffles for items from Barnes & Noble, such as the Nook.

## **DOVE Hours / Volunteer Sign-up**

- Dawn Hansen explained the requirement of volunteer hours for DCES parents. Each family is expected to contribute 15 hours per school year. (Those single-parent families are expected to contribute 10 hours.) DOVE hours can be accrued by volunteering for any of the fundraisers or events throughout the year that are communicated via email blast or SignUp Genius. These hours are to be logged and turned into the office before the end of the school year.

## **Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families**

- Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families is a book that will be distributed to all of the DCES families of students grades Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup>. It provides families the opportunity to be introduced to the Gospel reading before mass each week, to pose a reflective question, and then have the opportunity to discuss the Gospel, as a family, after mass.

## **Homeroom Parents**

- Heidi Abraham is the newly appointed lead for Homeroom Parents this year. If you are interested in assisting the teacher to coordinate classroom activities, snacks, parties, and field day, please contact Heidi at [habraham13@sbcglobal.net](mailto:habraham13@sbcglobal.net).
- Please note: The end-of-the-year activity for grades 1 – 6 will be Field Day (Kindergarten will have a picnic.)

## **Protecting God's Children**

- Any adult planning to volunteer at a school or church event, must first attend a Protecting God's Children workshop, receive a certificate of completion, and turn it in to the office. There is a Protecting God's Children workshop scheduled at Divine Child on Thursday, September 20. If you are unable to attend that date, there are several workshops scheduled throughout the year at parishes across the Archdiocese of Detroit.

## **Events**

- Volunteers needed for upcoming events:
  - DIA Bus – September 25, 26, 27
  - Rosary Making – October 24 – 6pm in the cafeteria
  - Family Game Night – November 28
  - Santa's Secret Shop – First week of December

**Mentor Program**

- Chair of the Mentor Program, Michelle Rudzinski, explained that this program pairs an established DCES family with a family new to the school, to answer questions and to help navigate their first year. Michelle can be reached at [michelle.rudzinski@comcast.net](mailto:michelle.rudzinski@comcast.net).

**The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer and parents were invited to mingle.**

Respectfully submitted,

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