

Cathedral Mothers' Club

2019-2020 CMC Meeting, March 5th, 2020, 6-7p.m.

Cathedral High School - Baker Board Room

Minutes prepared by Buffy Johnson

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Meeting Facilitators: Co-Presidents Erica Edwards and Beth Hunter; President-elect Ashley Vukovits

Sponsor: Julie Barthel-Principal

Principal: Mrs. Julie Barthel **President:** Dr. Rob Bridges

- I. **Welcome, Prayer, and Board Introductions**-Erica Edwards, Co-President. The Mother's Club Executive Committee that were present introduced themselves and what their children are involved in at Cathedral.
 - Mother's Club Executive Committee Members: Ann Bagwell, Shelly Cadwell, Joy Cripps, Erica Edwards, Beth Hunter, Buffy Johnson, Charisse Pierce, Angie Piper, Tracy Sanders, Lorraine Vavul, Ashley Vukovits.

- II. **Mothers' Club Overview**-Beth Hunter, Co-president. We had many mothers of the next school years Freshman class in attendance at this meeting. The Admissions Office sent out an invitation to these moms so they could get an idea of how the CMC works and hopefully be involved next school year.

- III. **Special Guests: Admission Office Update**-Ashley Vukovits, President-elect,
 - Director of Admissions-Anna Taul along with Co-Directors of the Freshman Experience, Mr. Howie Fogel and Ms. Katie Klee provided a sneak peek into the class of 2024. Several Juniors who are preparing to become Peer Mentors for next years Freshman class were present at the meeting. They introduced themselves and the activities that they are involved in at Cathedral. Approximately 160 students from the current Junior class applied to be mentors for next year, but not all were needed, so many students were turned away. The Juniors led the parents in a fun Lughnasa "ice breaker" activity, which will be similar to what the incoming Freshman will participate in during their Lughnasa experience. Enrollment Management will keep parents updated and let them know the dates for next years Freshman Orientation. The Freshman will be paired up with their Senior Mentor in Resource. Part of the training for the mentors involves Suicide Prevention training. Mrs. Klee has been trained in Suicide Prevention and last years Seniors were also trained. These Juniors will also be trained on how to recognize the signs for students at risk. Peer Mentors can take a student directly to a Counselor when they think that someone needs help. Before he retired last year, Jim McLin was a strong advocate for improving student connection and these programs carry on the ideas that he was trying to get implemented. During this Freshman school year, 80 different middle schools were represented. Some of these students have many friends that came to Cathedral with them and some have none. The Admissions and Enrollment Office and the Mentors are committed to making sure they keep an ongoing connection and involvement that lasts all four years. Next year there will be 270 Freshman students.

IV. **Special Guest: School Update**-Mrs. Barthel, Principal

- Principal Barthel started by saying that her transition back to Cathedral has been a great experience. She has been on staff and involved with Cathedral for many years. She has had two sons graduate from Cathedral and her daughter is currently a Freshman here. Her husband, Tim Barthel, has been involved with coaching football at Cathedral for ~14 years.
- Relationships are the key for Mrs. Barthel's philosophy on teaching. She believes in building strong relationships between students and teachers. Teachers have completed forms in educator meetings for their intent to return to teaching at Cathedral for the next school year. Educators sign a paper to be a servant leader with key characteristics. She also explained the curriculum to next years parents and activities that take place during Flex periods. She explained how Cathedral celebrates student achievements by running through the halls with their trophy getting cheers and support from their peers and educators.
- She wants more authentic learning for students that involve helping the community. She is reaching out to alumni to see if they can use students to help in their businesses. She wants to use academics to help the community.
- The Shamrauction was very successful!
- The Sophomores recently had a speaker that came to talk to them about distracted driving. This class was chosen because they are just starting to drive. Feedback from parents was that the speaker made an impact on their children.
- She wants every student to feel that they have a voice and want them to feel free to ask questions. An example she shared was that some Non-Catholic students had questions about Ash Wednesday. The response was that maybe this shows there is need for more teaching to take place during Theology so these questions get answered.

V. **Semester 2 Initiaves**- Beth

- **Teacher Grants**-Lorraine Vavul
- The Grant Committee is underway with gathering information from each teacher that submitted a Grant request.
- **Used Uniform Sale-April 16th**-Shelly Cadwell, VP Fundraising

Other Key Initiatives-Erica

- **Prom**-April 25th
- **Teacher Appreciation Week**-May 4-8, Marylin Mathioudakis and Dianna Gantz
 - Tuesday, May 5th from 7-10a.m. Will need between 4-5 volunteers to help with collecting and sorting donated items that will be dropped off. More information should be coming out regarding this.
- **Baccalaurette**-May 16th- Rosiel Marasco

The next Mother's Club Meeting will be Friday, April 17th, 8:00 am-9:00 am, Cathedral High School- Baker Board Room.

Please join us! It is a great way to obtain valuable information from the leaders of our school.

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