

St. Patrick Parent Association Minutes

May 10, 2010

1. Call to order and prayer
 - Rachele called meeting to order promptly at 1:30pm

2. Principal's Comments
 - Revisions are being made to the handbook for next year. Teachers are looking at changes that will be posted on RenWeb in time for new year so parents have plenty of time to become aware of new/changes in policies.
 - Student counsel implementing new fun ideas like Talent Show.
 - Beginning new year we are moving to a trimester school calendar. Positive reasons outweigh the negative reasons. We'll have (3) 12 week periods vs. (4) nine week periods. Will work better in line with holidays, spring break and give teachers longer opportunity to evaluate her/his student before conference time. Conferences will be held closer to Thanksgiving time. Record keeping will be streamlined as well as fee days to make that day more convenient for parents.
 - Cookbook fundraiser was approved by the Board of Jurisdiction. Lucianne DeMarco to meet with board to discuss details of the fundraiser.
 - June 26/27 will be Fr. Pat's last day. Fr. Piesak (sp?) will start visiting and introducing himself. Fr. Pat to say mass last day of school.
 - Construction zone at the front office. Foyer will be extended so that no one can pass through a 2nd set of doors for security purposes. New front door will now face old church. In addition new carpet will be installed in old school. New mail slot will be installed at front door.
 - Main front parking lot getting completely repaved and not just resealed. West parking lot will get resealed only.

3. Treasurer's Report
 - Mom/daughter event funds deposited, Party money paid out for B-days, St. Patrick Day and Valentine's Day. Balance in account approved with two motions by Diane Kotlar & Kathy H.

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4. Committee Updates

- Room Parent Coordinator – sign up goes better than lottery system signing up for parties & organizing of parties. Communication not followed down to everyone so planning becomes unorganized.
- Restaurant Nights – Potbelly was cancelled for today due to Potbelly not being able to commit to donation. Suggestion was made by Margaret Cloe to have a “lunch” fundraiser like we do for pizza day. All responded well and thought it would be a great and healthy option. Possible to hold 3 – 4 times per year.
- Hospitality – New co chair for next year is Michelle Adamski
- Helping Hands – Fosters still need help. Berg Family done on 5/31/10. Mrs Cooper did not want to accept any help at this time as daughter is available to help.
- School Decorating – Position open. Barb B not continuing.
- New Family Link – Debbie Jasnoch stated that buddy family revamping brochure. Picnic moved to the same day as Church picnic.
- Mother/Daughter, Father/Son Events – Kathy H reported the Skate on Grand was a success (held 4/25). Lot of last minute sign up. Total signed up 94 with 84 actually showing up. All had a great time.
- Open Committee Positions for next year – VP as Tracy Kane moving to California, Secretary looking to job share as Lucianne DeMarco will be working FT, PEP

5. Other comments:

- PEP should be open to parish with hope to get more activity and committee members. St Gilbert is successful with PEP because they do not have a Parents Association. Parents should be surveyed to see what topics would draw them to come.
- During the Kindergarten Tea a member of the Parents Association should be present to introduce our group and to enlist new families to participate.
- Thank you to Rachele Priebe for organizing luncheon today. Everyone contributed by bringing a goodie to share.

Next meeting for 2010 / 2010 school year to be announced.