



## HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION PARENT MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** September 26, 2019

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Place:** School Gym

### **Present:**

Father Ron, Dr. Cluckey, Mrs. Sutter, Mrs. Richard, Todd Spear, Drew Dorn, Heather Schieder, Jenny Kilmer, Mark Hamerski, Parents of K-4th grade students.

### **Opening Prayer-** Father Ron

### **HSA President-Todd Spear:**

- HSA officers for this year introduced themselves.
- Roots and wings event will be held on 10/16/19. Event will feature speaker from Erie County Council for Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse.
- Representatives from Tops are present to help everyone link bonus card to Nativity of Mary School.
- Need trunk or treat chair for this year, Christmas craft show chair and someone to help with Cash Raffle and become chair in future. Contact Todd Spear if interested.
- Several new events being planned for this year including Fun Run, Variety Show, Mother and Son Evening and Father Daughter Dance.

### **Guest Speaker-Mark Hamerski, School Board:**

- The school board is a board of trustees consisting of 9 members. 2/3 of the board's members are not parents. The purpose of this is to bring outside expertise in and for the board to act as advisors.
- One of the main goals for the board this year is to update the strategic plan and make the school prosperous including increasing enrollment, supporting the school principal and staff, raising the community profile of the school and fostering an enriching culture.

### **Principals Report-Dr Cluckey:**

- Welcome to new families.
- Happy to be here for the first HSA meeting and to see school begin this year, encouraged parents to get involved.
- Based on the book 7 Habits of Highly Effective Students by Steve Covey, each month will be focused on building one of these habits. First habit that will be focused on is being proactive.

### **Fundraising Coordinator-Drew Dorn:**

- Last year we had a very successful fundraising year. Our goal was 162,000 and we exceeded this goal by raising \$166,000. This year's goal is \$165,000.
- Tuition only covers 60% of cost of education

- Gala is Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> at Samuels. It is the schools largest fundraising event with dinner, drinks and auctions. Invitation packets went home today, contact Erik Hoertz with any questions or if you'd like to help with the Gala.
- Please link bonus card for Tops, turn in Dash's Receipts and buy gift cards from the Scrip program.

#### **Advancement Director Report- Kathy Sutter:**

- Enrollment is up, welcome to all the new families in the school. Enrollment at 218, up from last year. Strong PreK program which will lead into a strong K program.
- Candy is still being stored in Kathy's office and if you need another box stop in to pick one up. Thank you to Sarah Jankowski for being candy sale chair this year.
- Please read Cougar News and Thursday Communication.
- Thank you to those who contributed to purchasing mums to beautify the exterior of the school mums will be planted Friday September 27.
- Box Top program is continuing but will be online only now. Download the box top app and you will use store receipt to receive credit. No more cutting box tops out.
- Can always start by contacting Kathy with any question or concern and she will find out an answer or get you in touch with the person who can answer.
- Please stop by for refreshments in cafeteria after meeting with teachers.

#### **Teachers Report-Mrs. Richard:**

- School safety has been a priority going into the new school year. All visitors must wear a visitor tag so you can be identified as someone who belongs in the school. Visitors also should sign in and out. All classrooms now have drill signage and we will be practicing active shooter drills. You will receive communication prior to these drills and they will be done in a way as to not scare the children.
- NBVM is on Facebook, twitter and now on Instagram please follow.

#### **Conclusions-Todd Spear:**

- Basketball coaches are needed for co-ed 3-4, 5-6 girls and 7-8 girls. Contact Mrs. Cornwall if interested.

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