

St. Monica Home and School Association
Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2009

Present: Maria Schram, Barbara Diamond, Kate Neitzel, Norma Herbers, Lisa Nelson, Beth Cafaro, Kathy Jablonowski, Karen Potter

Kathy Jablonowski opened with a prayer.

Maria Schram

Mrs. Schram discussed Maddie Kiefer's funeral and the procedure for the students to attend. She noted the importance of having the students attend with a parent.

She stated the WFB police department will begin to ticket out front within 15 feet of the crosswalk.

She will attend a calendar committee meeting to plan for the next school year on March 20.

In the next school year, she plans to continue the focus on staff development. She will have more Friday early dismissals instead of the 2:30 Wednesday dismissals so that they can have quality time to focus on professional development.

They have developed a primary intervention team which is prepared to promptly deal with any and all issues that arise during the school year.

Barbara Diamond asked if we could have an all parent end of year wrap up meeting. The purpose would be to discuss the current state of the school and introduce changes that are forthcoming. Maria responded positively and suggested that we do it at the beginning of the school year because the end of the year is so busy.

Kathy Jablonowski asked about the lunchroom volunteer policy and whether or not there would be paid staff to handle the lunchroom duties. Maria said they can make changes but not until the 2010-2011 school year. She stated that the survey last school year indicated that families were not interested in having paid staff to handle the lunch room duties. She plans to address the lunch room issues this next year. She also mentioned that if someone refuses to pay their fine for not coming, they should be referred to Maria.

SCRIP

Norma stated that the Scrip program has hit the \$500000 mark! The program has earned \$8400 for the H&S and \$18,000.00 in tuition credits. She anticipates that H&S will not make much more than this because they would need NEW families to participate and contribute the initial \$100.00 donation.

Jennifer and Norma are considering purchasing new software. Kathy and Karen stated that H&S supports their decision. Norma will let us know later this year about their decision.

Lisa Nelson asked how many hours are spent on Scrip. Several questions were then raised: Should it be a paid position? Is it truly a fundraiser for H&S or a tuition credit service? If it is a tuition credit service should it be reporting to H&S or perhaps another committee? Norma acknowledged that these were all aspects of the program that need to be addressed at some point. She did say that it does not need to be a paid position because there are many equally demanding volunteer positions for which people are not compensated.

Beth Cafaro- Treasurer

Beth shared the following data:

Catholic Schools Week Budget: \$850.00 Actual: \$873.11

Rocky's Lunch: Budget: 0 Actual: + \$292.44

Magazine Sale: Budget: \$12,000.00 Actual: \$12,787.45

Variety Show Checks were distributed totaling: \$4259.92. (funds were collected with the field trip invoice)

Multicultural Arts: Budget \$2000.00 Actual: \$1136.72

Spirit Wear: Purchases \$3486.43 Sold: \$2788.00

Lisa Nelson – SBC Liaison

Lisa discussed the Athletic Association. Currently, this committee reports to Maria Schram. Mr. Bradford is the Athletic Director. Joseph Topp is the Administrator. Dan McNally serves as the Booster Club Chair and is assisted by Dave Rausch. Lisa stated that the committee will begin to create more formal policies on the management of the teams. Each coach will be asked to support St. Monica School value based philosophies. These philosophies will reflect age appropriate development and will address the evolution of sports skills from 5th to the 8th grade. It will also recognize that the 5th and 6th graders are just beginning to learn the fundamentals of the sports and should not be excluded from playing time based upon lack of skills.

Lisa also mentioned that the School Board is addressing the changes in computer technology. They are considering providing more laptops the Junior High at some time in the future. In addition, Mrs. Weckwerth's curriculum is being integrated into the curriculum of the other core courses in Junior High.

Lisa stated that the Spanish program will continue to expand with the ultimate goal of allowing SMS graduates to test out of Spanish I in their Freshman year of high school.

A request was made by Missy Stewart to have the students wear their anti-bullying t-shirts to school on future specified occasions.

The School Board Committee hosted two feedback sessions. The evening session was well attended and there were a few attendees at the morning session. There were a variety of ideas and issues related to Scrip, the reading program and religious education.

The Finance Committee stated that they are right on budget.

The Diversity Committee would like to know if anyone is interested in helping.

A firm has been engaged to assist with determining who needs to receive financial aid for tuition.

The Buildings and Grounds committee is continuing with their green initiative. If there are any questions or comments they should be directed to the school board.

Vice President's Report

Barbara Diamond and Kate Neitzel introduced their new volunteer form. Because it is so important, the Auction and Dinner Dance portion have been separated from the regular volunteer form. They will send it out next week.

Submitted by Karen Potter