

St. Lawrence Catholic School
PTO Meeting Minutes
9-22-21
7pm

1. **PRAYER**

Lead by President Alexis McKenzie @ 7pm

2. **INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS**

- President –Alexis Mckenzie
- Vice President –Christina Barrett
- Treasurer –**OPEN**
- Secretary – Madi Haisha
- St. Lawrence Administration – Mrs. DiMercurio, Mr. Barker
- St. Lawrence Teacher Representatives – Mrs. Rider, Mrs. Tsatsos and, Mrs. Costie

3. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

- a. Started 1st STAR Assessment testing on 9-21-21 test is taken 3x a year
- b. Roofing should be complete mid October
- c. New building to be complete mid December
- d. Last week we had our first school mass and it was led by Father Roman (9-15-21)
- e. News and Notes will be coming up

4. **COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND REPORT**

Box Tops - Katherine Lucas

- a. We raised \$115.00 over the summer

Christian Service – Jill Coraci & Rena Davis

NO REPORT

Christmas Shoppe – Christina Brillati, Julie Brillati & Michelle Samartino

- a. We plan on having our Christmas Shop on Friday, December 10th

Field Day / Fun Run – Laurie Zacharevich and Mia Kozak

- a. We will throw some dates out for Fun Run, if it doesn't work out in October we may wait until Spring.

Fundraising – Lexi McKenzie

- a. We are looking into replacing the Entertainment coupon book with a group coupon gift card (larger kickback on this gift card vs the book.)

Girls on the Run – Jillian Fisher
No Report

Hospitality – OPEN
NO REPORT

Parent Enrichment – Christina Barrett
NO REPORT

Room Parent – Mrs. Tocco
NO REPORT

SCRIP – Christa Lass
NO REPORT

Student Enrichment – Yvette Lanni & Sheila Brandow
NO REPORT

Teacher Enrichment – OPEN
NO REPORT

5. NEW BUSINESS
NO REPORT

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- a. 2021-2022 budget still being finalized
- b. Reminder to teachers to submit for their \$150.00 reimbursements by 10/31/2021
- c. We need a replacement for the Treasurer's position

2020-2021 School Year:

Teacher Programs \$12,788.58

Student Programs \$16,403.93

Donations \$1,000.00

Total: \$30,192.51

Spending YTD:

PTO Gift Basket for Applefest \$222.44

Accelerated Reader renewal \$2,793.00

Funeral Flowers \$171.99

7. OPEN DISCUSSION

Q: Do we have any student/parent enrichment restrictions?

A: We do not.

Q: Any protocol on communication survey interest in volunteer, fellowship opportunities?

A: No protocol as long as someones interested or if you know someone who's interested.

Q: Is volunteering allowed this year?

A: Yes, it is. If you're interested in volunteering inside the school or church you must have completed Protecting God's Children.

Q: Can we volunteer during recess?

A: Yes, you can. Just send an email to Mr. Barker.

Q: Are we still organizing a student newsletter?

A: Because of Covid kids didn't get a chance to finish it. Eventually, we will.

Q: Do we have a Catholic Culture Committee?

A: Yes, we do have an advisory board and they meet once a month.

Q: Are we having Trunk or Treat?

A: Yes, Saturday, October 23rd.

Q: How do we submit Box Tops with Shipt?

A: Email Katherine Lucas (kasia.helena@gmail.com) your receipts within 14 days and she can submit it for you.

Q: This year can we collect candy for the soldiers, nursing homes, etc.

A: Yes, we can put something together.

Q: Do we have an update on the roof?

A: It should be complete mid October, this rain is holding us back.

Q: Do we have an update on the new building?

A: New building is coming along beautifully. Targeted to be complete mid December.

Q: When the new building gets done will drop off and pick up be the same?

A: We will tweak it. Drop off and pick up will be a lot better.

Q: Does the drop off line always have a long line?

A: It will get better once we get into routine.

Q: Are we still splitting Keyser doors and O doors?

A: We are, it helps with traffic. We're also getting the middle schoolers used to getting dropped off at the O doors. Either way the kids are getting through the building and know where they're going.

Q: The busses are always running late so can't we just change the times to start school and end school to what they were before?

A: Changing time will gradually keep moving. We will keep working with Utica and hopefully it gets better if it doesn't we will change it back to what it was.

- Q. When we have no bussing do we drop off and pick up at the U door?
- A. Yes. Parents whose students normally ride the bus will drop off and pick up their students at the U door. You must park across the street in rows and wait to be crossed over Utica road to the school parking lot when we have no bussing that day.
- Q. Why aren't we allowed to attend mass on Wednesday's with our kids?
- A. Because of security reasons. In the past we've come across a lot of issues and we just want to keep our students and staff safe.
- Q. Will we keep cancelling school when we have leaks from the roof every time it rains or snows?
- A. We should be okay moving further.
- Q. When the new building is done are students moving into that building?
- A. That will be our middle school building so all middle school kids will be moving into that building. All the specials will have their own room in our current building.
- Q. Are you continuing to report Covid cases?
- A. On our website we do have a Wellness Policy tab if you click that and click Covid Reporting Form you can scroll down and see how many cases we have in the school. As of today, Wednesday, September 22nd we have 2 cases.
- Q. If my kid gets sent home to quarantine and gets the antibody testing and she has antibodies can she come back and not quarantine?
- A. Nurse Keri will call the health department and will get back to you.
- Q. Will that same kid that has to quarantine start this cycle again if they change groups and are sitting next to another kid who tests positive for Covid?
- A. We may group all the kids who have been quarantined together.
- Q. Do we still not have an art teacher anymore?
- A. We do not have one right now. Steam is trying to incorporate some art.
- Q. Are we considering bringing band back?
- A. We don't have a band teacher as of now.
- Q. Are we having a children's Christmas concert this year?
- A. Yes, we will have one this year.
- Q. Do we have a classroom in the gym?
- A. No, we do not have a classroom in the gym.
- Q. When is the Gala?
- A. Friday, April 22nd 2022
- Q. Are the 4th graders having a Thanksgiving feast this year?
- A. We will talk to the 4th grade teachers and see what they want to do.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Wednesday, October 20th 2021 @7pm