

Parent Club Meeting Minutes 1-10-2018

Excellent turnout – I forgot to have parents sign in – but take my word for it. There were at least 20 attendees. Thank you to all of you who took the time out of your evening to attend.

Catholic Schools Week 1-29-18 to 2-1-18

PC agreed family dance is fun and should continue. DJ we hired last year was named Rex. Heidi Wiegand has contact information for him. Having snacks available the night of the dance and an easy dinner like hot dogs or pizza would be nice for families who don't have the time to arrange dinner after work/before the dance. Coloring pages or Valentine Cards making would be good activity for kids who need a break from the dancing. We asked for volunteers interested in helping the night of the family dance, Juli Burchard signed up.

Valentine's Day Class Parties – Room Reps will decide on dates and times in cooperation with teacher. They will not happen on the 14th because we observe Ash Wednesday on February 14th this year. It was suggested that we have Valentine's Day parties the Friday before. All classroom parties are not required to take place on the same day and time.

Lent begins on 2-14-2018 as previously stated. The church offers Simple Suppers on Fridays during lent. Queen of Peace School is hosting the Simple Supper on Friday 2-16-2018. Last year we chose to serve beans and rice with tortillas. The parish reimbursed the school for the expense of approximately \$200. Last year we purchased food from Los Arcos but we would like to support Los Baez this year since it is a school family. We asked for volunteers who would like to serve the Simple Supper: Erin Lilly-Davison, Brian Chamberlain, and Marina.

After the Simple Supper on 2-16 our school students will perform the Living Stations of the Cross.

Spring Break falls on Holy Week this year

Easter Egg Hunt:

Our school will host the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday, 3-31-18, the last Saturday of Spring Break. We will ask school families to donate a bag of candy or small prizes – similar to Harvest Fest donation requests. There will be Easter Eggs with prize tickets like last year that can be redeemed for different prizes and goody bags. We asked for volunteers interested in helping with this event. Heidi Wiegand and Andi Limont volunteered. The Easter Egg hunt was attended by so many families last year, it was suggested that we expand the hunting territory this year. We discussed moving pre-K and Kinder into the gated pre-school/garden area. We could have the 0-2 year olds on the grass outside the gym doors. A parent asked if there is a Plan B in case it rains this year. The answer is no. It was such a well-attended event last year that we do not have the necessary space to move it indoor. This even will happen rain or shine.

St. Nicholas earnings: \$5,000 this year.

Two years ago when we launched the St. Nick drive the school was struggling financially so we held a fundraising campaign. The first year we brought in \$15,000. Last year the St. Nicholas drive raised \$12,000. This year we (the school) did not campaign the St. Nick drive as heavily as the two previous years primarily because our parish has been pretty taxed on fundraising requests due to the Fulfilling the Dream campaign. Also, the auction was so successful this year that we have a surplus that covers the deficit of funds from the St. Nicholas drive. The auction surplus equals \$13,000. The school also received a separate gift of \$10,000 that will be matched. The Westin matches funds that contribute to endowment growth.

Fundraising:

Heidi Wiegand asked if we will be doing the Butter Braids fundraiser this year. Mr. Mucken says he has not decided yet. Last year this fundraiser earned the school \$2,000. It was suggested that we host a McTeacher Night at McDonalds or a fundraiser through Chuck E. Cheese. Mr. Mucken confirmed that we will have a McTeacher Night this spring as usual. A parent suggested that we remind families to connect their Fred Meyer Rewards accounts to the Queen of Peace School so they get a percentage of all Fred Meyer sales. Another parent recommended that Amazon Prime users connect their rewards to Queen of Peace School as well.

5 Year Strategic Plan:

Mr. Mucken explained it is important for our community to know a plan like this exists. The strategic plan is overseen by the SAC – School Advisory Committee. This committee is made up of 8 school parents. They meet about 4 times per year. Mr. Mucken asked if school families would like to have access to these meeting minutes. One of the committee's goals is to be more transparent about school planning, funding, spending, etc. All were in agreement to have the meeting minutes accessible to all school families. A link will be made available on the school website and/or minutes will be attached to the school newsletter.

SAC would also like to begin providing an annual publication that details how the school allocated and spent yearly funds.

For the last 2 years QofP School has received a Bricks/Mortar/Technology grant of \$100,000 each year to improve facilities, otherwise the school does not have a facilities budget. We expect to continue receiving this grant. Over the next two years these funds will be used to replace all the school windows. Once the windows have been replaced SAC is planning to use these funds to update heating/cooling system.

Exit Surveys for families who choose to leave Queen of Peace School (prior to graduating out after 5th grade) have not been successful. Families who leave have not all be forthcoming about their reasons for leaving. How can we remedy this? It was suggested that it is too late to ask these families to complete a survey once they have already decided to leave. We could offer bi-

annual satisfaction surveys to all school families. These surveys would be anonymous. While speaking of surveys it was also suggested that we offer a post-auction survey.

SAC would like to see QofP school increase their endowment fund by 20% over the next 5 years.

SAC would also like to see an alumni database. Kelsey Wilson and Juli Burchard are in the beginning stages of organizing this.

SAC would like to see an increase of parish families enrolling in Queen of Peace School over the next 5 years.

Part of the SAC plan is to hire and retain good staff and educators. They have been working to create a fairer and more standardized pay scale at our school. They successfully figured out funding and pay for our teachers and staff so they earn 90% of the regional public school teacher salaries. They would like to be able to offer 1 to 2% cost of living increases each year.

The school was also able to hire an in-house book keeper. We are happy to welcome the return of Mary Turner, now as our book keeper. She and her position are a huge gift to our school.

If you have any questions regarding SAC and the 5 year plan please feel free to contact Mr. Mucken.