

St. Mary IC PPA Meeting
March 16, 2022 5:30pm
Minutes

Attendees: Kathy Ender, Elizabeth Wolfe, Gail Broxson, Danielle Kruse, Tara Aulwes, Brandie Tompkins, Melissa Wilker, Sam Schrader, Gloria Mueller, John & Carol Hartman, Valerie Deutmeyer, Randi White, Nancy Neuhring, Jessie Westhoff, Julie Rastetter, Lisa Kies, Jane Parker, Mandy Ludovissy

Board update on Principal position: Board representative Catie Dean was unable to attend, but forwarded this information: We have 2 more full-time teacher applications (they will be interviewing them asap) and there will be another principal interview this week. A shared principal situation (part-time) is also a possibility. The board expresses optimism that all positions will be filled and they continue to work toward that end.

Follow Up From February meeting:

- **Youth Mass & Dinner** - Gail reported there will be a Youth Mass on Sunday April 3. Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast following the Mass, proceeds will go to the school
- **SMIC shirt design** - Amy V reported her friend will work on a design for new shirts. This friend has also reached out to the graduating education majors at Clarke College (where she works) to let them know about our teacher openings. Thank you Amy!
- **Rummage Sale** - Lisa K reported the spring Rummage Sale will be April 29-30. Please bring donations to Brinkman Hall the week prior to the sale. We need volunteers to help set up & sort items April 25-29 and people to work the sale on Friday and Saturday. Please bring items to be sold at the Bake Sale on Friday. Lisa continues to work to find someplace to pick up unsold items after the sale.
- **Trash Bags & Candy Bar Sales** - Julie R and Lisa K reported there will be no trash bag sale this spring as prices have dramatically risen. Candy Bar sales will be March 24-April 19.
- **Amazon Smile** - Erin Schmelzer is in the process of setting up an account for the Amazon Smile program; as more information becomes available, it will be posted in the school newsletter
- **SCRIP program** - Julie R talked about the ease of use of the SCRIP program (it is a no-work, automatic benefit fundraiser) and will assist Erin S with making sure SCRIP inventory is reliable and sufficient. It can be purchased at Peoples Bank. A portion of

your SCRIP purchases can be put toward a designated student's tuition. SCRIP can be purchased online; further information about the program will be compiled and emailed in the near future.

- **Graduation Breakfast/Alumni Banquet** - As far as we can tell, there will not be an Alumni Banquet this year. There will be a Graduation Breakfast (prepared and served by K of C) following mass on May 29. The 8th grade awards ceremony will be during or after mass on May 25.

New Business:

- **Refreshments after Spring Concert** - attendees were divided on whether or not to have a gathering/refreshments after the concert, some like doing so but others would rather get home as it is a school night. No action taken.
- **Conferences** - Nancy N will provide a crockpot of soup, Jessi W will provide a dessert, John Uhal and Mandy L will also provide something.
- **8th grade photos**
- **Idea for promotional video** - Discussed various possibilities for format, funding, and sources of material for a promotional video. This project will need a committee to make decisions, help with getting photos/video, finding funding, etc. Brandie T has agreed to apply for a grant from Clayton County Foundation for the Future, Aureon, and Foundation for Cornerstone Communities (!!Thank You!!) on our behalf. Alumni Austin Greve has offered to help as well.
- **Field Day** - Prior to the meeting, principal Joanne Hedeman requested the PPA organize and run Field Day, to be held on Friday May 27 from 8:30-10:30. Tara A, Jessie W, and Sam S will lead this effort and Nancy N will provide lunch with a hot dog cookout afterward.

Other:

- Several people expressed concern with our diminishing relationship with Clayton Ridge School. In the past SMIC students participated in assemblies, band, middle school plays, etc. Now that the CR middle school is on the same campus as the high school, CR does not even offer orientation or a tour of the high school for our incoming freshmen. While it is likely that changes in administration, Covid, and other factors may be to blame, some believe we should bring our concerns to CR administration and possibly even their board.
- Discussion about the ways in which we share info about school with the community. Our Guttenberg Press page is no longer weekly; Austin Greve reported via text we only have sponsors for one page per month. Each page requires four \$35/week sponsors. Getting photos/content from school more often than once a month may also be an issue. Lisa K will look further into this. Participants also questioned whether or not we could increase

our Facebook presence, citing that Kids Kampus is known to post up to four photos everyday showing what kids are up to. Mandy L will ask if someone from the group could help Erin with getting photos and sharing information on FB.

Upcoming Events:

- April 3 - Youth Mass and KC Breakfast
- April 13 - Passion Play
- April 20 - PPA meeting 5:30pm
- April 29-30 - Rummage and Bake Sale
- May 18 - Spring Concert
- May 24 - Talent Show
- May 25 - 8th grade Awards Ceremony
- May 27 - Field Day
- May 29 - Graduation Mass and Breakfast

Closing: **Next meeting Wednesday April 20 at 5:30pm in the middle school**