

**Minutes From
PTG General Meeting
January 9, 2018
6:30 p.m.
School Library**

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer

Mr. Klase, school principal, welcomed the group to the meeting and led them in an opening prayer. In total, 10 people were in attendance.

2. Introduction of the Board

The PTG Board members were introduced. Marion Maentz, Megan West and Dia Hoffrage are the co-coordinators this year. Maria Lusk is the treasurer. Michele Sites is the secretary.

3. Principal's Report

Transition Night: Transition Night for 4th and 6th graders is next week.

Preschool and Kindergarten Registration: Registration is on February 3. The preschool Open House is January 23. The K-8 Open House is January 30. Tours are being given almost every day. Twenty-two preschool students are from current families and will be returning for Kindergarten.

Catholic Schools Week: Mr. Klase would like 2 student readers at the 11:00 Mass on January 28 and others to do an introduction at the other Masses. Students should be in 4th grade or older. Donuts will be available after the 11:00 Mass.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: A SignUp Genius is planned to go out next week via Option C. There are two evenings available for conferences.

Snow Ball Dance: This dance for 7th and 8th graders is on Friday. Mr. Klase and faculty members serve the students dinner as part of the evening.

5th and 6th Grade Game Night: Game night is January 19.

Report Cards: Report cards will be distributed on January 23.

Family Literacy Days: Mrs. Liebscher, the curriculum coordinator, and Mrs. Smith, one of the preschool teachers, attended an in-service today regarding Family Literacy Days. The purpose of these events is to learn to help your child read better. St. Louise is planning a Family Literacy Day for preschoolers and their parents the afternoon of February 13.

4. Curriculum Focus—Enrichment Opportunities

Kids of Steel: Mrs. Jones, the physical education teacher, was present to explain how the program will be run this year. There are two options. In the first, students can log miles in and out of school for free. In the second, student register for the Kids Marathon which costs \$20. One mile can be recorded for each 15-20 minutes of activity. This year, the plan is to have those that registered meet at the school and go to the race together. Information on the program will be distributed at the beginning of February. Students can practice after school on Tuesdays for 45

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minutes beginning February 20 and continuing through mid-April. Mrs. Jones could use help with the after-school program. SignUp Genius could be used to recruit parent volunteers. Student volunteers from the track team might be another possibility.

Invention Convention: Mrs. Liebscher provided an overview of this activity for 2nd-6th graders. Students are to identify a need or solve a problem using the same steps and procedures an inventor would use to fill the need or overcome the problem and patent an invention. Mrs. Liebscher will help students on Mondays during recess and after school on certain dates if they need it. There is a parent meeting at 3 p.m. on February 5. Students will display their projects in the gym on May 3.

Math 24 Game: This program is for students in grades 3-6. Starting in February, they will be invited to play in the Science Lab on Thursdays during recess. The goal is to create equations that total 24 using all the numbers on a given card and a combination of mathematical operations. Playoffs will be held on April 5. The finals will be held in the cafeteria the week of April 9-13. The top 4 students will be invited to compete at Intermediate Unit 1 on May 2 or 3. There is also a Math 24 app that can be used to play and a primer version for younger children.

5. Treasurer's Report

Maria Lusk, PTG treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. Copies of the budget were provided to those in attendance. Committee chairs were asked to stay on budget and submit receipts in a timely manner. Michele Sites volunteered to put a reminder about using AmazonSmile in the next newsletter.

6. Recap of Events that Have Occurred Since Our Last Meeting

All of these events were a success.

Donuts with Dad:

Trunk or Treat:

Grandparents Day:

First Grade Covered Dish: Seashal Belldina, one of the chairs of this event, indicated that the decorations used are being stored at parents' houses. It was suggested that she look into storing them in the school attic with other PTG items.

St. Nick Shop:

Lottery Calendar: There were suggestions to print the calendars smaller, sell them outside the church doors after Masses and to increase some of the payouts.

7. Upcoming Events

Most of these events were addressed during the Principal's Report.

Snowball:

Game Night:

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Catholic Schools Week: It was suggested that we hold a spirit wear sale during Open House. Megan West said she would talk with Kristie Cobleigh, one of the committee chairs, about this possibility. It was also suggested that we share information on our supplier with the sports teams and coaches in case they wanted to order from the same source. Mr. Klase will mention this idea at the Athletic Board meeting. A suggestion was made to have some of the PTG officers talk with prospective families during Open House while Mr. Klase is busy giving tours. The officers could take the families around to common areas while they wait.

Kindergarten Registration: Michele Sites needs help distributing Kindergarten and new student registration flyers to area preschools, churches and library. She circulated a list for volunteers to select a location. An email requesting volunteers will go out to all parents soon.

Muffins with Mom:

8. Newsletter

Articles for the next newsletter are due on Friday, January 26.

9. New Business

We will be looking to fill one Coordinator position for next year's PTG Board.

10. Next Meeting

The next PTG general meeting is on Tuesday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by Michele Sites, Secretary