

VCES PTC Meeting Notes – 9/3/09

Agenda:

- Prayer – Analizza Lambino
- Principal's Update – Susan Friesen
- Finance Update – Christine Elmgren
- Post Mortem on Welcome to School Picnic & Volunteer Fair (Aug. 27) – JoAnna Flynn
- Coordination for Curriculum Night (Sept. 10), and Room Parents & Event Chairs Meeting (Sept. 24) – Analizza Lambino to start discussion
- Beaverton Parade Update (Sept. 19) – Laura Schultz
- Jog-A-Thon Update (Oct. 2) – Kelly Alfieri
- Family Picnic Update (Oct. 2) – Viji Krishnaprasad & Srinand Venkatesan
- Halloween Carnival Update (Oct. 30), if any – Meg Bishop
- Wrap-up – Analizza Lambino

PTC Officers and Representatives

Pres.: Analizza Lambino
Vice Pres.: N/A
Sec.: Tony Nosack
Treas.: Christine Elmgren
Assist. Treas.: Bianca Nerenberg
Kinder. Rep.: JoAnna Flynn
1st/2nd Gr. Rep.: Laura Schultz
3rd/4th Gr. Rep.: Meg Bishop
5th/6th Gr. Rep.: Srinand Venkatesan & Viji Krishnaprasad

Attendees: Parents - Megan Bishop, Christine Elmgren, Lourdes Gard, Shauna Jaspersen, Analizza Lambino, Tony Nosack, Bianca Nerenberg, Valerie Stecher, and Srinand Venkatesan; Teachers – Sr. Denise Klaas and Sr. Barbara Rose Sohler; Principal - Susan Friesen; and SSMO Foundation - John Lauerman.

Notes:

- Meeting Commenced at 6:40 p.m.
- Opening Prayer – Analizza Lambino
- Principal's Update – Susan Friesen
 - Enrollment is very good with 392 students (this is the capacity for the school)
 - Nearly every grade still has a waiting list --- some are second round applications
 - Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) for Primary Grades
 - K-2 will be testing Sept. 14-25
 - Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) Testing for grades 3-6 is Oct. 12-23
 - 6th Grade outdoor school preparations are in flight for next week.
 - Will be held at Drift Creek Camp near Lincoln City
 - In-service Day is September 25th - **No School**
 - Will be attending a webinar for the new reading series adopted this year
 - Additional training will be held for “Response to Intervention” (RTI) training to differentiate instruction based on continual student assessment
 - This year's curriculum in-depth study is focused on math.
 - Comparing current curriculum with that of the Archdiocese.
 - Parents are still adjusting to the 2:00 pm pickup time.
 - Every Tuesday is a 2:00 dismissal
 - Reminders have been in various means (calendars, banner hung on side of building, etc)
 - Driving and parking update:
 - It was very backed up on 9/8/09
- Finance Update – Christine Elmgren
 - Changes in income
 - Haggan has ended its school program (was about \$400)
 - Halloween Carnival: increased revenue expectations based on some changes
 - Intel Donor (United Way) campaign - was \$50 last year
 - Jog-a-thon is increasing to \$48K goal vs. \$32.5K last year

- Scrip/e-scrip = planned for \$3K vs. \$5.5K (last year)
- Review/Reflection on
 - Welcome to School Picnic
 - Would be good if we could get more interaction between new parents to begin building a sense of community
 - Kids enjoyed the event
 - Music was very well received
 - Tents with each grade was a good idea: a facilitator / introducer would help
 - Need an improved PA system for outdoors
 - Some ice-breaker activities might also help
 - We should begin to count participation at activities to help plan for future events and understand costs vs. revenue
 - Volunteer Fair - series of volunteer fairs this year was kicked off at the Welcome to School Picnic, with a follow-up at the Back to School Coffee Social, and then at Curriculum Night.
 - Coffee Social
 - Positive feedback indicating interest for additional events
 - There should be additional discussion for more events
- Coordination for Curriculum Night (Sept. 10)
 - 5:30 p.m. set up
 - 6:00 p.m. first group of people
 - 8:00 p.m. second session
 - Sweatshirts – Present cost at Dennis Uniform is \$20.50 – could sell them at curriculum night, since we have extras.
- Beaverton Parade Update (Sept. 19) – Laura Schultz – no update, because Laura wasn't at the meeting
- Jog-A-Thon Update (Oct. 2) – Kelly Alfieri
 - No update at this point
 - Currently no sponsors for shirts this year
- Family Picnic Update (Oct. 2) – Srinand Venkatesan
 - Need to get “shadows” for this event, so someone else can chair this event next year
 - Volunteers were solicited via email, some replies
 - Also adding a request for volunteers in Friday Folder
 - Need to request food donations from stores. Last year the only store that provided donations was Bales Thriftway
 - Need to work through the school café for purchasing food to get the best rate versus other food providers
 - Inflatable play houses: will work to get a break by getting the play houses for multiple events (picnic and the Halloween Carnival)
 - Need to review idea for a "donation jar" to help defray expenses
 - \$2 will be suggested donation
- Halloween Carnival Update (Oct 30) – Meg Bishop
 - Michelle Sunderland will run tickets and prizes
 - Work is in progress for developing haunted house ideas and collecting volunteers
- Open discussion/wrap up – Analizza Lambino
 - Ideas
 - New parent-only night
 - K-12- idea is to help unify people across the campus
 - Wine & cheese event-
 - Introducing the Sisters overview of the organization of SSMO
- Meeting concluded at 8:06 p.m.