



SAC Meeting 10/21/2024
6:00-7:30 PM Location: School Commons

School Mission: Our Catholic family inspires disciples of Jesus by educating the whole person through prayer, high academic standards, and service to others.

Present: Gerene Thom, Sarah Baye, Valerie Atkinson, Eric Guzowski, Sarah Bal, Sarah Peterson, Ashley Nelson, Melissa Ferm, Melanie Kmiecik, Amber Bassindale, Betsy Bianci, Esthela Lomeli, Rana Chrudimsky, Amy Wright, Michelle Ross, Paul Cramer

Principals Report: Mrs. Thom

- Faith
 - Students gathered each morning to pray a decade of the rosary together
 - Looking for an idea for students to do for the Advent Service Project
 - CWCM is purchasing a crucifix for our lunchroom soon
 - Last week's teacher PD day, Bishop Ricken spoke of the story of Adele Brise (Our Lady of Champion) and updated staff on beautification and canonization
- Family
 - Fall Harvest was successful
 - Middle School students had parent day last Thursday
 - 4th grade Parent Day is coming up
- Academics
 - Teachers are getting ready for conferences 10/22 & 10/24
 - STAR assessment results went well and provided good feedback for student learning (SJB scores were very good!)
- Requests
 - Provide dinner for teachers for conferences; voted=YES!

Treasury Report: Eric Guzowski

- \$96,000 is our goal for the year



Fundraising/Current Events

- Fall Harvest review; \$6,800, 228 hours logged (not including student hours!)
- Magazine Sale ends on the 23rd (lower than usual sales at this point)
- Book Fair is happening this week
- Paper Drive is this week; 10/21-10/28 and then again 12/30-1/6
- Break from major fundraisers for the holiday
- Auction donations will be collected with Black Friday/after Christmas

Hospitality

- 4th grade Parent Day is 10/17
- 1st grade Parent Day is 11/14
- On break until the end of January

Friendraising: Melissa Ferm

- No updates at this time

Marketing Report: Ashley Nelson

- No updates at this time

Auction Report: Sarah Baye

- Betsy Bianci will be the new auction chair next year!
- She will be shadowing Tiffany this year

Booster Club & Packer Booth: Rana Chrudimsky



- Lots of people dropping out of the Packer Booth last minute and it's been very difficult this year
- As a committee, they voted to increase the buyout amount from \$300 to \$450 for the year
 - Delaware North is replacing lots of their booths will self-serve booths
 - We NEED to make sure we are fully staffing the booth so we can keep it at this point
 - Only 2 people are signed up to work the Packer Booth for Thanksgiving Day
 - They are giving \$100 in SCRIP and DOUBLE service hours for that day
- Booster Club reps will be meeting with Alex Giese and parents to discuss discipline and rules, etc for the year
- Booster Club has about \$75,000 ready to do the gym floor which is about half of what is needed (about \$150,000)
 - Looked into different types of flooring and gotten quotes
 - Archery tournament coming up, basketball clinic, trying many things to try and raise money

Finance Council: Betsy (Chad) Bianchi

- Blessfest had a great financial outcome- total profit of \$27,100!
- 3rd year of increased profit from event

Board of Trustees: Eric Guzowski

- Had a visitor from GRACE at the last meeting
- Some schools have already done their auction for the year
- Holy Family auction transitioned from parent auction to family event

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- Concerns about NFL draft for security at Holy Family
 - GRACE Annual Appeal underway
 - Chesterton Academy was approved for WIAA sports (3-year probationary period)



- Nate Tackaberry is Executive Director of Advancement
- Lisa Niemuth has announced retirement
- Kim Desotell went through fall STAR testing GRACE-wide and it was very positive!
- Facilities for GRACE has done deeper dive at other schools for security updates
- Finance committee improved year-end audit
- Eric will be joining government subcommittee

New Business Items

- Term-limits/GRACE bylaws
 - 3 years with one renewal
 - Coming up with ideas of how to tackle this
 - Let someone from SAC know if you are interested in an officer's position; you can shadow for a year before jumping in!
- Grandparent Interest Form Results
 - 30 responses for it, going to tap into them and send them more information regarding the school
- Milwaukee Pretzel Fundraiser
 - Would need a coordinator
 - Would need someone to distribute
 - Pretzels come fresh; get 50% back
 - Can possibly be a January fundraiser?
- Family Engagement Agreement 2025-26
 - GRACE allows us to put in up to 3 requirements
 - Fundraising hours=20 hours/family

- Voted to purchase 2 storage cabinets for the Commons- 1 for Spanish (Mrs. Bal's "classroom" and 1 for extended care items)



Next meeting is November 18th 6-7:30pm in the School Commons.

See you there!

