ST. MARY'S SCHOOL - PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Time: 7:00 PM
Date: October 13, 2026
Location: Religion & Prayer Room, St. Mary's School

IN ATTENDANCE

7 individuals were in attendance.

- Ashley Goche, *Chairperson*
- Sara Beattie, *Secretary*
- Amanda Volesky
- Brooke Sievers
- Allison Rohlof
- Alexis Berndt
- Anna Petro
- Auna Sigdahl
- Bridget Marvin

OPENING

The meeting began at 7:00 PM with prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

- Review Past Events
    - Fall Welcome Back Picnic
        - Attendance was great, and cleanup was a breeze. Thanks to everyone who stayed to help. Many hands make light work!
        - Menu was good. No changes recommended for next year. Budget-friendly is key and generally, everyone seemed to enjoy the simple meal.
        - The extra kitchen equipment to pre-make hotdogs went well to ensure the line went quickly, and it would be great to incorporate next year too. .
        - Anna P. will do the thank you card for HillTop and Eldens next week.
    - Adopt-A-Highway Ditch Cleanup
        - This was completed last week, 10/6. All went well.
            - The weather was great, and we had plenty of volunteers. It took less than 45 minutes to get it all done. Thanks to everyone for participating! Keeping up on doing the clean up each year is helping reduce the trash that needs to be picked up, and staying on top of it each year is really helping keep it clean out there, reducing the annual time to perform the cleanup.

NEW BUSINESS

- Future Events
    - Halloween Party (10/23)
        - Regarding getting donations for prizes, we still needs to have some assistance calling local businesses. If you're willing to call around for prizes, please see a PAC member to check the list of who we have called so we don't double up.
        - We'll add a reminder in the next Principals Passage to sign up to volunteer to help at Halloween Party.
        - The Halloween Party committee will check with Brenda on candy donations, as there were some dropped off.
        - Sara created a "timeline of events" flyer for the event. She'll send to Ashley to send to the school prior to the event so families are prepared. Some of these flyers are also printed so they can be hung up during the event.
    - Teacher Conference Meals (11/19 & 11/20)

        - Amanda will work on getting the Sign-Up Genius created. She's got a record of what food and how much we requested for each conference last year to use as a guide for what to request on the Sign Up Genius. Ashley will send the link out to sign up before conferences (early November) once Amanda has the signup ready.
    - Teacher Christmas Wish List (Nov/Dec)
        - Allison will help coordinate this. She got the email from Dawn Jansen to send to the teachers to get the list for them for Christmas Wish Lists. They will get sent out digitally and via paper copy to the school families once created.
    - Winter Event
        - We've got a few different options, but we definitely want to do something during the winter again as an All-School event. Below are a few options to consider, but we will research further and decide on an option to implement at our January meeting:
            - Lake Geneva Christian Center pool party.
                - We could do 2 different sessions or 1 session later in the day potentially (3pm to 5pm?) since there were some complaints that the time we did it prevented some families from participating. However, even with that, we did fill the max capacity for the event, so potentially doing 2 different times would be good, but need to make sure we can cover costs ideally with the entry fees then for 2 sessions.
            - Nordic Kingdom
            - Ice Skating either at Noonans or RCC
                - RCC free-skate = $3 each. Typically announce open skate times a month or so in advance.

OPEN ITEMS / NEW IDEAS

- Teacher Treats Update
    - Katie Rentschler is running this and will be starting this program soon.
- New Yearbook Coordinator
    - Ashley Johnson has a graduating 6th grader, but she is going to talk to Rachel Sieve to see if she'd like to do it.
    - We discussed asking the teachers if there is the potential for 6th graders to tackle this as a club or project. Josten's provides a template for creating the yearbook.
    - Need answer by January meeting on who this will be transitioning to.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

There is no school on Nov. 6. Grades 3-4 will host another Veterans Day program this year. New this year with JMC, parents will be scheduling their own conferences this year. Next week, families with 4, 3 and 2 kids will get first priority to schedule back to back conference times. Then, the week of Oct 26, all single student families will be able to schedule. Directions on how to do this will be sent home from the office next week. Conferences and the book fair are Nov 19-20th, and the end of grading period is Nov 13th. This years book fair will be hosted by Ignatius Book fairs, a Catholic company with many faith stories and all being vetted and not in conflict with any of our teachings and beliefs.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The location is TBD and will be announced prior to the meeting date. All meetings begin at 7pm. Upcoming meeting dates are as follows: 1/12/27 & 3/9/27.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Beattie