

October Holy Trinity PTO Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Time: ~7-8 PM

Attendees: ~19 attendees

Location: Holy Trinity – 4th Grade Classroom

Moderator: PTO President: Lindsey Hunt

Action Items:

- Lindsey Hunt:
 - Provide an update in next PTO meeting on SharePoint hours tracking tool solution
 - Any recess duties needed by parents?
 - Display student art @ school during winter concert?
 - Ensure 6th grade room parents know that 6th grade is on “cookie reception” duty for the drama production
 - Discuss how we’ll use budget funds that currently aren’t attached to an event.
 - Have we ever considered having a concession stand for volleyball and basketball tournament days?
 - Talk to administration about the Alma directory and the incomplete nature of it, etc.
 - Ask for a reminder to be in the Monday Minute about opting in to include your contact info
 - Make the directory visible to parents, not students
 - Can we coordinate Santa’s Workshop with a “Giving tree”? Talk to Carly.
- Erika:
 - Start keeping track of “ideas” people have for events – so we can bring them up @ June PTO meeting for consideration.
- Lisa:
 - Follow up regarding parent/child prayer group & Santa visit @ the next meeting
- Anyone/Everyone:
 - Assuming you want your contact information visible to other parents, be sure to opt-in within your Alma profile.
 - Have an idea for a future PTO meeting agenda item? Have any questions after reading these notes? Please contact Lindsey Hunt (Inhunt2014@gmail.com).
 - Have a “wish list” item that would benefit the school and/or school community? Please contact Lindsey Hunt (Inhunt2014@gmail.com).

Discussion:

- Introductions

- 1st Grade had the most parents attend the meeting so their class will earn free dress on Friday, 10/20.
- **News/Updates:**
 - Parent & child prayer group (1x/month) – possibly on Friday’s. Lisa Hong will be talking to Father Bill about timing and feasibility
 - Moms in Prayer group – will happen @ 8:15 on Thursdays in the Fireside room. Scheduled for 1 hour. The format will include prayers of praise, silent confession, prayer of thanks, and small group prayer. Lindsey Hunt is coordinating. Monday Minute has more details.
- **Follow-up on September meeting action items:**
 - Track resurfacing & turf quote:
 - No plan to do updates in the near-term, though we’ll verify there aren’t any safety issues. We’re just looking into getting quotes in preparation for when we do need to at least resurface the track.
 - In the short-term, we will get at least 1 quote, possibly 2.
 - Church Biz Mgr. met with Track rep recently. We’re waiting to hear what they say.
 - Our track is 14 years old. Track surfaces usually last 7-15 years.
 - Track projects are worked during spring & summer when weather is better.
 - This would be an expensive project. The school would need partner with the church. There is also the potential to partner with businesses. There was discussion about its close proximity to Nike and if it was resurfaced with “Olympic” surface it could be enticing for partnerships, etc.
 - SharePoint Hours Tracking
 - We have a parent (Kyle) looking @ building a short-term solution. We’ll provide a progress update next month.
 - Class Art Projects for Wine Night
 - Talked to Ms. Romero about doing a project. Due to the limited class time, there is no way to incorporate doing something like this @ this time.
 - It may be possible to display student art @ winter & spring concerts - in either the cafeteria or in the school. Ms. Romero would need a parent that takes ownership to ensure the art makes it back to the art room after the events. Also, support for set-up.
 - Christmas Popcorn
 - All room parents need to reach out to Laura (Room Parent Coordinator) and let her know if you want popcorn for your Christmas classroom party. Right now, the plan is to order popcorn for the MS classrooms, but will only order popcorn for other grades if it is requested. The reason being is that the younger grades

generally don't eat it. Laura will reach out to room parents via email to alert them.

- **PTO Budget:**

- No changes to discuss for the budget. We haven't had any events since the last PTO meeting. Updates will be shared at PTO meetings in the future, when there are updates to share.

- **Christmas Parties:**

- There was a question on if classrooms rotate to different rooms based on the movie being showed. The answer was, no, the classrooms don't rotate. Sometimes MS classes will do this but that isn't something that happens every year.

- **Upcoming Events:**

- Fall Festival:
 - There remain about 9 open volunteer roles. Monday Minute has sign-up links.
 - There will be snacks and a meal provided. Karam is supporting the meal.
 - There will be a cotton candy machine.
 - Prizes & Games
 - Photobooth
 - We're ready to go. Weather forecast looks good @ this point. Fingers crossed!
 - Even though we're not doing Trunk or Treat this year, it doesn't mean we won't do it in the future. We'll see how the Fall Festival goes. We may alternate events in future years or make Back to School a bigger family event and do Trunk or Treat @ Halloween time. Something to discuss in our June PTO planning meeting.
- Book Fair:
 - Scheduled for 11/14-11/16. Set up on Monday, take down on Friday.
 - [Using PaperPie](#) vendor, which was Usborne.
 - PaperPie can run the book fair for us but we'll see if we can find some ways for parents to volunteer and earn some SharePoint hours.
 - Going to see how it compares to Scholastic sales from the past and will decide who we partner with for the book fair in the spring.
- Drama Production
 - The time of the Saturday show shifted to 3:30 PM to accommodate 8th graders that have high school placement tests on 12/1 & 12/2.
 - Cookie Reception will be handled by 6th grade (Gwen & Anna)
- DNO's (Dinner Night Out)

- Golden Valley Brewing *may* be the location the night of the Christmas Concert
- Panda Express, Handels, Crumbl Cookies, Krispy Kreme, and Jamba Juice are all considerations too. Kari Court is working on scheduling future DNO's.
- There was interest in having lunch orders for ½ days.

- Miscellaneous topics:

- Last year Lisa had Santa visit some classrooms. She is going to see if the volunteer from last year is interested in helping this year. There was discussion on if we get a Santa, which event he should show at – for example, concert, class party day, etc. Lisa Hong is looking into this.
- There was talk of having a community event in a future year where folks build gingerbread houses with graham crackers. Folks encouraged to bring up this idea as part of the discussion for the June PTO meeting to see if we want to put it on the schedule for December '24.
- Can we coordinate Santa's Workshop with a "Giving tree"?
- Britt indicated there is a service project a student will be doing to collect toys for children @ a local hospital.
- There was talk of a [shoebox donation idea](#) (Samaritans Purse). Nothing expected to happen on that this year. It's something the school could consider for the future. The effort benefits children around the world.
- The directory in Alma is incomplete.
 - It's really hard for parents to communicate with other parents, be it room parents trying to communicate with their classes, or parents trying to send birthday party invites, etc.
 - We should remind folks they have to opt in to include their information in the directory. This could be done in the Monday Minute.
 - Don't make the directory visible to students. It should only be visible to parents.

- Next PTO Meeting

- Scheduled for 11/15
- Recap past events (Back to School, Fall Festival, Halloween Parties)
- Planning upcoming events (Book Fair, Play (Cookie Reception), Christmas Popcorn, Christmas parties, and more+)
- Review PTO budget, if there are any updates to share