

HSA Meeting

10 October 2022/ 6:30 PM / Holy Spirit School

Attendees

Trista Henning, Amber Caron, Jenna Ugorowski, Christina Proshek, Alison Knapp, Alisa Becker-Dunn, Colleen Streefland, Kristi Franta

Notes

Principal's Report - Ms. Amy Heimer (sent via email)

- Thank you for the wonderful meals on conference nights!
- No School Dates in October
 - October 19, 20, 21 for MEA Vacation
- Oct. 24th- Holy Spirit School Showcase of Tours for RCS. Potential families sign up to come that night between 4:00-6:30pm to take a tour and ask questions. I have staff signing up to help. We have a total of 3 Tours for the school year- Oct. 24, Jan. 23, and April 24. We would invite any parents to sign up also to help with tours. It is nice to have the parent perspective. If any families would like to sign up, ask them to email me aheimer@rcsmn.org. I will plan to have 2 or 3 parents at each of those dates to help with tours.
- I will be on a Pilgrimage to follow in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. We will visit both Assisi and Rome, Italy. I will be traveling with a group from Mayo Clinic, along with Mrs. Jen Good, 4th grade teacher. 2 RCS employees are chosen each year to join the Pilgrimage. Mrs. Good and I are looking forward to this insightful experience. We leave Oct. 12 and return Oct. 22. I will pray for Holy Spirit School and families. Please pray for us.

By-Laws - Amber Caron and Trista Henning

- Review of by-laws for this school year. No changes were made. *Voted to approve the by-laws for this school year. Trista Henning motioned to approve, Alisa Becker-Dunn seconded the motion, and all in attendance were in favor/approve

Parade - Amber Caron and Trista Henning

- Short on "clappers" - order more next year? We ordered 100 this year. Order 200 next year.
- Next year: help decorate, make a sign, beforehand - volunteers next year to decorate?

Classroom parents - Alisa Becker-Dunn and Colleen Streefland - will continue to discuss

- Classroom teachers report they don't need a classroom parent to plan a party but to organize a conference meal that is very helpful

- Main focus is conference meals

Fall Conference meals

- Went very well. Lots of food :)
- Conference treats: went well
- Conference volunteers
 - Need more!
 - discussion regarding an easy way for people to reach out if they would like to volunteer/help out
 - Most parents work and require the dates in advance to request work off/get off work early

Christmas concert cookies - Trista Henning - will continue to discuss

- Cookie/hot cocoa table outside auditorium at high school? - No food or drink in auditorium
 - Free will donation - communicate to families ahead of time to bring cash
 - What will we raise the money for/what will it go towards?
 - Have it in the cafeteria?
 - Lourdes has a strict contract with Taher food service - can we bring our own cookies/hot cocoa?
 - Check prices?

Spring Movie - Amber Caron and Trista Henning - will continue to discuss

- Fundraiser/Donation night
- March and April - free of events
- A Friday - April 21 or 28 @ 6:30pm
 - Movie night in the gymnasium with big screen
 - Ticket price vs. free will donation
 - \$5 movie ticket, then ticket for food/drinks, per family/per person?,
 - Free movie, charge for snacks
- *Voted to approve the movie night and discuss details later: Motioned- Jenna Ugorowski, Alisa becker-Dunn - second, all in favor/approve
- Bingo, 50/50
- Parents and children must attend - this cannot be a "babysitting" event due to legality/rules, etc.
- Kids in gymnasium and adults in commons to mingle?
- Advertise with fliers and facebook posts

Library Fundraiser - Colleen Streefland

- Average cost of a library book is \$10 - ask each family to donate money
- 100% proceeds go to library books
- "No-cost" fundraiser
- Combine with Spring movie night?

Boosterthon - Amber Caron and Trista Henning - will continue to discuss

- What will we raise money for?
- Other ideas:
 - Poll the students to see what they would like
 - Getting a Ga-Ga pit - insurance needed for this? - potential concerns
- Idea: Raise money for the teachers/for their classrooms - for student use/benefit and classroom benefit
 - It would stay with the grade - it would not go with the teacher if the teacher left Holy Spirit, etc.
 - Ideas: Book series, flexible furniture/seating, kits for science experiments, technology cart designed for the classroom,
 - HSA would approve/deny items each teacher requests - HSA would be in control/highly monitor the teachers' lists
 - Teachers would receive ~\$500-600 each if we raise about the same as last year
 - If we raise in excess of this, the rest will go to HSA for future use
 - when raising money - set the goal low to begin (due to financial uncertainties this year). Give Ms. Heimer money to purchase something fun for the school/students as well.
 - "Featured Teacher" on Social media - "this is what i'm hoping to purchase"
 - Get teachers list by November so we can begin communicating these ideas to families
 - Examples: Flexible seating/reading nook, Books!, new rug, bags for the backs of chairs for organizing, money for extended care
- *Voted to approve the idea of raising money for classroom enrichment: Motioned by Trista Henning, Krista Franta second, all in favor/approve

Funds Requests

- Mrs. Goods - she helps run the Lego robotics club for 4th and 5th graders
 - The kits are old/software doesn't work
 - She would like 2 more kits. \$769.90 (for 2)
 - ask about sustainability - how often will new kits be needed? who will pay for future kits? Goal for payment in the future?
 - *Voted to approve purchasing both kits: Amber motioned, Trista seconded, all in attendance were in favor/approve
 - Funds will come out of Enrichment
- Mr. Graham - requesting new soccer goals/soccer nets. Asking for 6 colored soccer nets for \$569 total
 - Questions: urgency of this need?
 - Could we provide the money later in the year to see how much money we have raised during our fundraisers
 - Discussion: what is Mr. Graham's budget from the school each year for gym equipment?, how do we provide money to art, music, library and PE equally each year so it is fair?

School does not cover HSA events under their insurance - we will look into insurance for these events

Other questions/open items?

- Create a video explaining what is HSA? for families who do not know what HSA is...

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 8th @ 6:30pm