

St. Lawrence School

Parent Association Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 09, 2017, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Deacon Hall

1. Opening Prayer – led by Frank Arvizzigno
2. Welcome and Introductions
 - Restated the mission statement of the parent association.
3. Preschool program expansion
 - Feedback shows parents are interested in more options – half day; school day w/lunch and rest; full day with wrap around. Parents will have the option to choose their program. The wrap around program would be separate from the after school care program for the school aged children.
 - The program that will be used will be teaching New York state standards. Different activities will be done to cover the same standard so children that are 3 days per week will get the same standards covered as a child that attends 5 days per week.
 - Preschool registration is currently open.
4. School Marketing updates
 - Really focused on preschool
 - Ad put in PARENTS magazine for Jan/Feb issue and Mar/Apr issue.
 - Ad in Kids Out and About website for a full year (preschool and elementary)
 - 2000 postcards were sent out.
 - Ads were put in church bulletins, fliers were posted at Wegmans and other local businesses, poster was put up in entry way of church.
 - Updated the registration packet (red folder) and brochure (removed 6th grade and focused more on preschool).
 - New color road signs to be put in front of school.
 - St. Lawrence is on Facebook and Instagram
 - Diocese has a marketing person that will meet with Mr. Arvizzigno to share more marketing strategies
5. Technology Upgrades
 - Upgrading the network over February break.
 - Need to bring technology into the classroom.

- Want to increase the number of handheld devices in the classroom. The school currently has one classroom set of iPads. Evaluating Notebooks vs. Chromebooks (web based). A lot of schools moving towards Chromebooks, and the Diocese would provide tech support. Chromebooks are more cost effective, have less startup time, are more durable, have better battery, and can use Microsoft apps in place of office software.
- Funds from Greece school district for technology covered the purchase of 10 Chrome books (Lenovo N22 Chromebook w/3yr warranty). Teachers will trial these and if they like them, more will be ordered along with headphones, mouse, etc.
- Will continue to purchase more every year with the goal of having classroom sets for all upper grades.

6. Upcoming Events

- Current family registration (Deadline 2/10)
- New family registration (Begins 2/13)
- Winter break (2/20 – 2/24)
- Ash Wednesday mass (3/1)
- March Birthday Lunch (3/9)
- St Patrick's day parade (3/11)
- School Movie Trip (3/14)
- 11:00 dismissal (3/24)
- Family Bingo night (3/24)
- ELA NYS test for grades 3 – 6 (3/28 – 3/30)
- No school (4/3)
- School mass (4/6)
- Living stations of the cross (4/7)
- April Birthday Lunch (4/13)
- Spring break (4/14 – 4/21)
- 3rd quarter report cards (5/2)
- Math NYS test for grades 3 – 6 (5/2 – 5/4)
- May Crowning mass (5/11)
- May Birthday Lunch (5/11)

NEXT MEETING: MAY 11 @ 6:30 Deacon Hall, Room 4