

Parent Club Minutes 7/28, 6 – 7 p.m.

Zoom meeting rules:

1. Keep yourself on mute until you need to speak.
2. Use the hand clap emoji as the raise your hand option as not everyone has the option to raise their hand on their devices

Welcome & Prayer – promptly at 6 p.m.

- Welcome by Rosemarie El Youssef and prayer by Melanie Reyna

What is Parent's Club?

- Run by parents to support the principal and help in fundraising.
- Parents Club and principal meet to discuss the budget and how much money would need to be raised by the Parent's Club to meet the budget. Then the parents decide how they will raise that money.
- This year we would like to change from just having set fundraisers each year, especially since our fundraisers are large in-person events which will likely no longer be allowed.

Structure and by-laws

- Need to create a group of core parents who will spend the year re-writing the existing by-laws
- Those who would like to volunteer to work on this core group will remain after the zoom meeting for names to be written down and contacted at a later date.

Roles and responsibilities

Officers / Interim Officers

- Melanie Reyna will Chair the parent club this year
- Chairs for fundraising events will not be set at this time as we need to look at other types of fundraising options other than large group events
- We will need to have a secretary and a treasurer set this year so that minutes from each meeting can be shared in the newsletters and someone can take care of the funds being raised by the parent's club. Anne Herold has volunteered to take minutes. If you are interested in being the treasurer, please contact Rosemarie

(elyoussefr@stthereseschool.org) or Melanie
(melanie.reyna@usbank.com).

Fundraising Requirement

How will COVID impact these fundraisers?

- Auction, Raffle/Bingo Night and Jogathon are all large group events and are not able to be managed under current COVID guidelines so new fundraisers need to be created.

Auction – had been rescheduled to March 13th, but that is exactly one year from when in-school learning was cancelled last year. It is not feasible to be able to organize in enough time to actually have an event on this date given the uncertainty of the rules around large group events and the work involved in getting everything together.

Raffle/Bingo Night – According to the state rules around the raffle, the drawing has to be held at an in-person event. Having this event in the fall when large groups are still not allowed is not feasible.

Jogathon – Cannot happen in the fall as the Governor just put into effect that in-school learning cannot happen until new cases in Multnomah county are 81 or less per week for three weeks.

New ideas? Think of what you may have done in the past that works: art walk in the breezeway with children's artwork for sale, plant sale, etc. If you have ideas, please email Rosemarie or Melanie. Also, how can we bring "fun" into the school too. The Halloween Bash was not a fundraiser but a fun community event. How can we do fun community events now?

Fair Share Requirement

- We are not sure where the 40 hour requirement originated from. Is it still valid to expect 40 hours of service from parents?
- Given the change in the school and social requirements 40 hours seems like too much, but what should it be?
- Our school needs involvement by all parents to thrive.
- We have not come up with a number, but expect that parents should do about half of the old requirement, subject to change.

Scrip – No longer a requirement

- This is an incredibly time-consuming endeavor and the school is taxed on the profit if it is not completely run by a parent.
- There are also many logistics involved around taking orders and delivering the scrip as parents cannot be allowed into the school at all.

Objective: Amend By-Laws by end of year based on what works for our community

- Parents bringing their input is critical this year.
- A follow-up survey will come out in next week's newsletter. The more people that respond, the better the school will work for everyone.

Governor Brown's Press Conference

- A link will be included in tomorrow's newsletter
- Our goal is to still try to provide in-class learning for K-3 vs distance learning due to the educational formation that happens in that age group. We can be more flexible at St Therese due to our smaller community and the building design with outside entrances to each classroom.

Parent Concerns

- Will people disenroll their students due to distance learning being a requirement at this time?
 - We are hoping to focus on what we CAN do instead of what we can't. Reinforce what we can supply that the public schools can't – community.
- What if the school is open for in-school learning, but parents are not comfortable sending their children?
 - The school has been planning for all scenarios: in school, hybrid and distance learning and will be prepared to meet the needs of all families.
 - Feedback from parents is key, so please complete the survey that will be sent out in next week's newsletter and provide suggestions for what will work for your family.
- What is the policy on alcohol?
 - The school doesn't have a particular stand one way or the other. There are some rules around adult only activities with alcohol and family (with children) activities with alcohol. Rosemarie will look up the rules.

- Will the teachers be invited to attend the parent club meetings?
 - There is an interest in being able to socialize with the teachers outside of the classroom experience. Parent's Club is not the place to bring up any grievances against any of the teachers. That should go directly to the principal.
- Will free dress passes be provided for attending Parent's Club Meetings?
 - When we are allowed to have in-school learning, free dress passes will again be issued.

Thoughts from Rosemarie

- Emails will be sent out ahead of each parent club meeting with an agenda and a chance for parents to add any items to the agenda
- Please allow 24-48 hours for her to respond to phone calls and emails

Adjourn 6:55 p.m.