

Holy Rosary School Board Meeting Minutes November 11th, 2022

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- I. Opening Prayer: **Rob Marnell: 8:17a.m.**
- II. Approve Minutes: **Minutes approved.**
- III. Marketing Report: **Veterans Day celebration today. Our 4-6th graders have an opportunity to go to a weeklong science camp in McCall, Idaho. Usually, its \$300 but free to our students this year. The students are staying for the week of the 28th of November-December 2nd. We are currently organizing chaperones. There will be two cabins for the boys and one cabin for the girls. The next steps are parents' info meeting and figuring out the bus. There may be funds we can find to help with the \$5000 bus charge.**
 - a. **Wine auction meeting next Tuesday. We have Teton Wealth management as the big sponsor. We are still looking for a few more large ticket sponsors. We are in the process of doing procurements-getting donations from businesses etc. We are still looking for a dessert chair, an additional silent auction chair, and we need an in-training chair for future auctions.**
 - b. **We are currently fundraising for the Christmas program and are raffling off the front row seating, offering two sets of 6 comfortable seats. The package will include gift baskets with snacks and drinks.**
 - i. **The tickets, sold at the front office, are \$5.**
 - ii. **Drawing on December 5th.**
 - iii. **The money goes back to school.**
 - c. **Day of learning is going well, we sold almost \$2000 worth. Hopefully there will be even more as people realize what they can donate for. The kids doing the sign by car line is adorable.**
 - i. **Day of learning can be any day.**

IV. Principal's Report

- i. We are back into our season and had a new student start today in pre-school. We are still growing enrollment. Please keep talking about the school if you know families with younger kids to recruit; especially with bonds not passing and threats of crowded classrooms etc. as more families may be looking into Holy Rosary. So, this will be a prime opportunity to market our school.
- b. We've had continued safety training for parish and school staff with regards to intruders.
 - i. Carina did a lot of research and developed a plan and sent this plan to the FBI officer (who has recently provided active shooter training to Holy Rosary) for review. The officer verified she teaches the same thing Carina has been teaching: run, hide, fight.
 - ii. The school took students over to the church and did a practice. After the practice we learned more about what we can do. Then after the FBI agent did some active shooter education, we went over and did another practice. Now teachers have been going over and doing practices and showing the students all the places they can go and hide and lock doors. Normally these areas are kept locked. So we are working on certain places to be unlocked when students are in the church, so they have spaces to go hide during an emergency.
 - iii. Carina is trying to work with the parish at having security measures.
 - iv. It's important for teachers and students to always be aware of weapons and exits.
 - v. The FBI agent showed statistics of where and when safety events are happening. It is important to note that death rates are small, but the injury rates are high.
- c. This school year we have already seen huge academic growth. For example, at the start of this school year a Kindergartener knew only one letter and now knows 18 which is the goal for the end of kindergarten. Third graders are through the roof with star testing etc. Some of the kids in 5th and 6th were lower in reading but they've had improvements this year and Carina attributes that to the Phonics First training the teachers did over the summer. Teachers are focusing on

prioritizing steps from the phonics program every day. There has been a lot of interventions and one and one pull outs; and for high level students, teachers are doing things to extend their learning. For example, a couple of 6th graders are doing 7th grade online math.

- d. The service part of our school is doing well. We are happy we do not have to stay in covid cohorts and can mix with different grades. Children can participate in reading, mass, lunchroom buddies (6th graders help the kindergarteners every day with lunch) etc. We want them to learn and do well academically but also want them to be kind and service oriented and we are happy to see that happening with our students.
- e. There was a question about volunteer check list and wondering if volunteers should have training regarding lock downs, fire drills, etc. The expectation is for the volunteer to just follow directions set out by teachers/school staff. When signing in, volunteers can ask at the front office about the fire drill and lockdown drills etc. Carina will put on volunteer form to please ask for clarifications.
- f. Kiersten recommends AdRoll for advertising for the auction/school. You can use it for retargeting. You end up getting a lot of people coming back because of that retargeting, as well as new people, which can help get new sponsors and help refreshen auction list. You can set when you want it to run at what ever price you put in. It gives you analytics and everything. Google adds, you tube adds etc.

V. Old Business

- a. School Board Member Training in January following 1/13 Board Meeting. **Scheduled for the hour after the board meeting. It will be online.**
- b. **Double checked who signed the bylaws.**

VI. New Business

- a. School Policy Discussion: Children who have been too sick to attend a school day have been attending before or after school extracurricular activities. **It's a policy in the handbook that you don't show up for the after-school activities if your child has been home sick for the day. Carina is going to put out a reminder.**
- b. Question about what school is doing to help with the fear kids may be experiencing due to school lockdown drills etc. Are there any coping skills etc. being taught?

- i. **Can the school do an assembly on working on how to carry through moments of uncertainty?**
 - ii. **Or educate in classrooms?**
 1. **Maybe they can learn some things from Father Flores about faith-based strategies to help.**
 - iii. **Carina will also look at teachers sharing with other teachers tips for handling emotional concerns of students.**
- VII. Closing Prayer: 9:07a.m.**

Mission

Holy Rosary Catholic School's mission is to use its Christian Catholic traditions and community resources to empower and celebrate student achievement, so that our students will have a secure environment in which to grow in their knowledge of God, themselves, community, and academics and use that knowledge to reach their God-given potential.

Vision

Holy Rosary School will be the most outstanding elementary school in the Idaho Falls area.

Values

- G - Gifts from God
- R - Respect and Responsibility
- E - Expressing Excellence
- A - Academic Achievement
- T - Togetherness with Community