

Holy Rosary School Board Meeting Minutes ***October 14th, 2022***

Carina VanPelt, Rebecca Scheunemann, Rob Marnell, Hollie Miyasaki (via cell phone), Taryn Kammeraad, Maggie Chavez, Brittany Thomas, Kiersten Landers, Flower Aston

- I. Opening Prayer: 8:17a.m. Rob Marnell.
- II. Approve Minutes: Minutes approved 8:18a.m.
- III. Marketing Report: We started sponsorship with Day of Learning. It's been successful and have had 12 people sign up so far. Kids are out at carline holding the sign instead of hanging it up. So far, we have done two Day of Learnings and we have the dates booked out for a while.
 - a. Maybe if people/businesses can't contribute to the wine auction they could participate in the Day of Learning as a secondary option.
 - b. We are scheduling field trips. Kids loved the museum of Idaho. We are currently working on the Veteran's Day program and slowly getting into silent auction planning. We have a logo and are getting sponsors. Jake at Teton Wealth Management is getting back to us about being the main event sponsor again this year. The first auction meeting is next Wednesday evening. And we still need to fill a few committee leads especially a silent auction and solicitation lead.
 - c. At last years auction, the online bidding program was problematic with not being able to get into it etc. and it may be a good idea to go back to paper bidding for most auction items. Some items could remain virtual for those participants who live far away to still be able to bid on select items such as the kids' class projects. Paper sheets help make it easier for checking out compared to the electronic system. It is helpful to do a staggered close because when you don't do that it back logs.
 - d. The Hero's Lunch was very successful with a lot of first responders attending and every news agency came and did stories in the paper as well as local T.V. news such as News 8, and information was posted in the Idaho Falls Catholic Register.

IV. PTO Report

a. We are working on setting up community fundraiser restaurant nights and preparing for the upcoming holiday season (Saint Nicholas Day, Christmas program, etc.). There are a lot of volunteers for the holiday season but not for after, so we are really looking for people to come volunteer. We want to invite as much people as possible to attend the PTO meetings.

- i. It's important to promote the free child care offered during PTO meetings for kids who are of school age. If you have a child who isn't school age, come talk to Carina about this as there are options. They can bring them to the PTO meetings but it's also possible to get approval from Carina to send them to aftercare depending on aftercare numbers etc.
- ii. One idea is to announce PTO board meeting and free child care during carline to help increase attendance.

V. Principal's Report:

- i. Veterans program: Nov 11th at 10:30am in the gym.
- ii. Saint Nicholas: December 6st.
- iii. Christmas Program: Dec 13th at 6:30pm in the gym.
- iv. We have had some safety issues at the school recently with regards to some people in the neighborhood. So, it has prompted looking at ongoing and additional safety drills, protocols, and safety expectations. There are times when students are in the church other than mass so we are looking at having people manning the doors. Also, a reminder that all volunteers have to come in the front main door. All volunteers should have a sticker. We will be hanging written guidelines for volunteers.
 1. Carina is working with Deacon Tom who used to do security at INL to help plan and implement drills. Edwin Chavez has been helping with regards to additional things to think about and plan for since he is a fire fighter and sees things that happen in the community. We are still doing regular lock downs and most of the students do well but we are reiterating with parents about the importance for kids to follow the directions for lock downs.
 2. The police should be calling the school if they are speeding down by the school or if there is an incident by the school so the school is

aware. It is possible to have more communication with the police as in the past the need for communicating to the school was disused and a policy implemented. Since there has been recent lack of communication, they need to revisit their policy and Carina plans to reach out to the police again and also asked Kiersten to reach out to her contact. There has been a lot of employee turnover at the station since she last communicated with the police which may explain the decline in communicating with the school.

3. **When volunteers sign the guest book that should be associated with acknowledging that the volunteer has read and agree to the volunteer guidelines.**
4. **A lot of teacher turnover has to do with parent interactions according to feedback from teachers so its important to communicate the school guidelines/model and live Christ-like behavior.**
- v. **Book club with Fr. Flores is today from 1:30-3:30pm. Parish staff, school staff, and school board are invited to attend. Children can be at aftercare for free during this.**

VI. Old Business

- a. **Sign Bylaws: We passed around and signed bylaws and Hollie will sign them when she returns.**
- b. **School Board Training Update**
 - i. **The superintendent of catholic schools provides school board training for the catholic school boards in the state of Idaho. It's one hour and they offered to come and do the training during the school board meeting. Do we need this? If people are interested in it, we can set it up. Carina will ask to set up the training for January, Friday the 13th directly after school board meeting.**

VII. New Business

VIII. Closing Prayer: **9:10a.m. Fr. Flores.**

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