

St. Clements Parent Council Meeting from Tuesday November 28, 2017

Attending: Dan Ingoldsby, Kathleen Kirby, Caitlin Barton, Pam Koebel, Tina Henhoeffler, Becky Strauss, Natascha Martin

Regrets: Ornella Miller, Cory Becker, Lori Martin, Jen Rothfischer

Minutes:

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer
2. There will not be a Parent Council Meeting in December. Happy Holidays!
3. Pamela Koebel will take on the role as the new Secretary
4. Budget/Financial Update
 - Parent Council currently has \$10,500.00 in the bank and \$9,000.00 in the board office account
 - The budget covers items like student agendas, 1st Communion, Confirmation and Scientists in the Classroom.
 - Teachers receive \$50/class to use towards buses for field trips etc. Caitlin would like to discuss increasing this amount from \$50 to potentially \$75 or \$100/teacher. Kathleen will speak with other teachers and poll their thoughts on increasing the budget.
 - Dan would like to purchase 2 charging carts for chrome books. They are approximately \$380.00 each, so would expect approximately \$800.00 total. Dan feels we currently have enough chrome books, so would like to recommend putting the designated budget for chrome books towards the charging carts instead. Everyone on council agreed.
5. Santa Claus Parade
 - The St. Clements Santa Claus parade is on Saturday December 16th
 - Dan found the missing school banner!
 - The council was approached about having a school float in the parade. It was agreed that we would pass for this year due to short notice and not having any one to run the float this year.
 - Next year, we would like to participate and will begin to make plans as early as October.
6. Spring 2018 Fundraiser
 - In 2016, the Spring fundraiser included, each class picking a theme and parents/students donated items to the class basket. There was a raffle table, penny table, candy kabobs, slushies, hamburgers and hotdogs, a 'roulette wheel' for kids and a cake walk. All activities were very popular
 - Looking to tentatively book the Spring Fundraiser during Education Week (May 6-10). We will wait to book, pending when the Folk Dancing night is, but will aim for Tuesday May 7th.
 - Council to think of fundraising ideas to discuss at next meeting
7. Principal's Update

- Learning Partnership- Grades 4, 5 and 6 are participating in MIT Scratch, learning about computer programming and increasing their technology knowledge. Scratch is back in on Tuesday with the students for 1 hour and with the teacher for 1 hour. There is an online program as well to teach the basics of computer programming
 - Multicultural Event/Day in February – Students came from St. Davids to talk to each class about their cultural backgrounds. Some nationalities included Africa, India, Middle East, China/Korea, and Central America. The students all loved this last year. Dan would like to try and make this a full day event from half day in the past and try to include a food element. He has some contacts he can reach out to, to see about having some students maybe from colleges or universities. To be discussed at the next meeting.
8. Next meeting date set for Tuesday January 16, 2018 at 6:30-8:00pm in the school library.

Merry Christmas to everyone and see you in the New Year!