

# Home & School General Meeting October 20, 2015

Meeting begins at 8:17 a.m.

**Members in Attendance:** Amy DiPiazza, Janet Fisher, Stephanie Rossi, Laura Russell, Dan Demeter, Jen Schultz, Joy Graf, Chris Culligan, Mary Culligan, Becky Oiler, Amy Kelly, Elizabeth Lange, Ann Marie Hess, Santiago Rodriguez, Maureen Bouda, Anne Stith

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer – Stephanie Rossi & Laura Walsh
2. Secretary Minutes – Amy DiPiazza
  - a. September 2015 online – hard copy on table
3. Treasurer’s Report – Kris Tontis
  - a. Hands Out August financials
  - b. Has not closed out September with Parish
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Dine Out – Joy Graf
    - i. Only earned \$49 at Panera Bread
    - ii. Blaze Pizza October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm
    - iii. Chipotle - Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>
    - iv. How do we advertise more?
      1. Stickers on the kids
      2. Email Blast
      3. Posters at Pick UP
  - b. Trivia Night
    - i. Made a profit this year
      1. \$1700
  - c. Vianney Varieties
    - i. Auditions were Monday, October 19, 2015
    - ii. Show November 3 at 1 & 7 p.m.
  - d. Schwan’s – Kris Tontis
    - i. Raised \$275 with Gift Card Campaign
    - ii. Encourages people to try Schwan’s
  - e. SCRIP – Janet Fisher
    - i. Explains Scrip program
    - ii. Passes out online info
    - iii. Discusses the many ways you can use scrip
      1. Plastic Cards
      2. Reload Cards online
      3. Order online and print off computer

- 4. Scrip Wallet App
- f. New Family Mentor / Welcoming Committee
  - i. Better job in advertising morning coffee
    - 1. Held once a month on the first Tuesday
  - ii. Next date is November 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 5. New Business
  - a. BIDS
    - i. Need Chairs by Christmas!
    - ii. Meeting Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
  - b. Anti-Bullying Program
    - i. Assembly Budget
      - 1. Will be used to support Anti Bullying
    - ii. ACT NOW bullying program
      - 1. Through Children's Hospital
      - 2. Will do this for K5-5<sup>th</sup>
      - 3. Look for another program for Middle School
    - iii. Jodi Blanko
      - 1. Speaker from Chicago
      - 2. Student Program during the day
      - 3. Parent/Student in the evening
    - iv. Virtue Based Anti-Bullying
      - 1. Send teachers to training in St. Louis
      - 2. H&S will use Assembly budget towards training
      - 3. Mr. Demeter will be applying for grant
    - v. Library
      - 1. Battle of the Books
        - a. December/January
      - 2. K-3<sup>rd</sup> – Caldecott Club
      - 3. Book Fair
        - a. Table of books for parents to donate to our library
        - b. Donate extra copies of Battle of the Books
      - 4. Social
        - a. February 6<sup>th</sup>
        - b. Casino Night
          - i. Westmoor vs. School
          - ii. Change it to January 30
- 6. Principals Report – Dan Demeter
  - a. See Attachment
- 7. SCRIP – Janet Fisher
  - a. Order every Monday
    - i. Order comes on Thursday
    - ii. Profit
      - 1. SJV receives 50%
      - 2. User receives 50%

- iii. Vendors
  - 1. Many more than what is on our sheet
  - 2. 400+ vendors
- iv. Online ordering
  - 1. Cards passed out with our SJV code
  - 2. Set up Presto Pay
- v. Holiday Shopping
- 8. Announcements/November Events
  - a. Blaze Dine Out – October 22<sup>nd</sup> 5-8
  - b. Vianney Varieties – Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 1pm & 7pm
  - c. BIDS interest Meeting – Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 7pm
  - d. Spirit Wear ordering – 10/29-11/10

Meeting Adjourned 9:14am

***What are the teachers studying and working on?***

**LEARNING TARGETS**

*What are they?*

- Daily objectives posted each day for each class
- Written in student friendly language
- Based off our Archdiocesan teaching standards
- Examples:
  - I can write a topic sentence that captures the main points of my writing
  - I can compare and contrast the 13 original American colonies

*How do they help students learn?*

- It gives students a daily goal to achieve
- It helps focus their learning - students always know what they are working on
- It helps the students measure their own progress
- Gives them a sense of accomplishment, but also helps them realize areas for growth

*How will they help teachers?*

- Creates a sense of collaboration in the learning
- Active learning, not passive
- Allows teachers to more accurately measure student progress
- More chances for the teacher to give effective feedback for students

**BEST PRACTICES IN HOMEWORK**

*Why is homework important?*

- Allow students to practice, reinforce and review taught material
- Gives the students opportunities to practice the material on their own
- Gives the teacher important feedback on the previously taught lessons

*What kinds of homework is the most meaningful?*

- Homework that is authentic and relevant to the students
- Homework that requires the student to think creatively and critically, as opposed to repetition and memorization of facts
- Homework in which the students know will have an impact on the next day's teaching

*What are the teachers working on?*

- Developing assignments that will get the most bang for their buck
- Differentiating their assignments to meet all of the students' needs
- Creating assignments that are meaningful and authentic