

St. John Vianney School
Home & School
GENERAL MEETING
May 16, 2018

Meeting began at 9:15

Members in attendance: Tanya Baynes, Barb Corby, Mary Culligan, Dan Demeter, Janet Fischer, Amy Kelly, Meghan Klinck, Pamela Pyzyk, Jen Schultz

The meeting format was an informal discussion encompassing end of school year events, welcoming new families, staff changes, and filling vacancies for Home and School Executive Board and committees. There was not a formal agenda or reports from committee chairs.

The following are highlights from the discussion:

- 2018-19 school calendar will soon be published. Pastoral staff will meet tomorrow to finalize the dates.
- Committee chairs are still being sought for Legos, Box Tops and Catholic Schools Week. Another co-chair is needed for New Family Welcome/Mentoring.
- Executive Board positions are still being confirmed for next year. Mary Culligan has agreed to serve in whatever capacity she is most needed. Jen Schultz will continue as Secretary.
- There was agreement that an important goal for next year is to emphasize welcoming new families and encouraging them to get involved in volunteering at school. Some ideas were:
 - Implement a “meet and greet” for K4 families
 - Provide new families with information about the many opportunities for getting involved. A sheet could be included in registration packets given to new families. Ask the families to check boxes of opportunities that interest them, and turn the form in on orientation day. (This is not a sign up but rather an indication of interest.)
 - Indicate that volunteer involvement in the school is highly encouraged.
 - Organize a picnic for new families.
 - Provide training for mentor families. Provide mentors with a checklist of ways they can involve new families throughout the year.
 - Implement a system to ensure that new students who start mid-year are connected with mentor families. Ask school secretary to contact the chair of New Family Welcome committee.
- The first tea with Pam and Dan was well-attended and seemed to have a positive response. Parents who attended commented that the information shared and open discussion between administration and parents was helpful and appreciated. A second event will take place May 22 at 6:00. The sign-up for that event is almost full.
- There will be a reception/coffee for outgoing Principal and President following the final school mass on June 6th. Students will have an opportunity to visit if they choose.
- Last day of school parties will take place in the classrooms as per usual. They will be 45 minutes in length.