



PTO Minutes – October 1, 2019

I. Welcome + Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Help us to engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community. Fill us with your grace, Lord God, as we make decisions that affect the families, students, staff and friends of Saint Bridget School. We ask these things in your name, Amen.

II. Principle Notes

- 1. Thank You:** A big thank you to the PTO for hosting the Welcome Tea and Welcome Back Social, both events were well attended.
- 2. Staffing:**
 - Brittany Perry, Kindergarten Teacher
 - Brittany Zina, Second Grade Teacher
 - Gina Tempesta. Aide to Level 2
 - Mr. Conley will not be returning until after his cancer treatment, please keep him in your prayers. Thomas Benvie will be covering Mr. Conley's absence.
 - Addition of School Nurse: Kristen Harris
 - Testing: NWEA MAP (Measures of Academic Progress)
 - Fall Session wraps up this week
 - All students, K – 8, as mandated by the Archdiocese of Boston
 - Diocese requiring that all students are tested Winter session this school year
- 3. Curricula:** New Social Studies/History for Grade 3.
- 4. Enrichment Programs:** Coordinator is again Sandra Fisher. If you come across or hear about any great enrichment program, please share them with her.
- 5. RenWeb:** Reminder, Parents in Grades 3 – 8 can keep up with their child's performance via the portal. Also Grades 3 – 8 are now posting homework.
- 6. Hot Lunch:** Will begin on Friday, October 18th. Coordinators this year are again Bill and Eileen Glynn. A list of the dates for the year will be coming home soon. They are seeking additional help if anyone is available for a few hours to help serve lunch. Please let me know if you are available to help.
- 7. VIRTUS Training:** Virtus is mandated for all individuals who participate in the Assisting Program, excluding Bingo workers. This is a ONE-TIME training. If you were unable to make one of the two trainings we held, there is a list of upcoming trainings available in the office.
- 8. Chromebooks:** PTO Funded Chrome Book Sets for Grades 7 + 8, \$13,853 (\$1,147)
- 9. iPads:** PTO funded set of 15 iPads being utilized in Middle School, \$4,208.28 (\$1,041.73) (Cart Needs to be purchased)
- 10. Basketball Hoop Padding:** Has been ordered, \$265.57 (\$34.43)
- 11. Student Emails:** Students in grades 3 – 8 have a school-based email account. They all follow the same pattern, First initial, Last name, Graduation year and @stbridgetschool.us
Password: initials and six-digit birthday

- 12. Internet Speed:** We have expanded our internet bandwidth, switching from Comcast to Verizon, increased from 25 mb to 1 gig.... a 3,900% increase! Installation is currently underway.
- 13. Playground:** As you may have noticed, the tall spinning ring is broken in the big kid's playground. A replacement has arrived, and we are waiting for installation. They will also be fixing the steering wheel in the early childhood playground. Fortunately, everything is covered under warranty.
- 14. Catholic Schools Foundation:**
- NOVA Scholarship – This year families are receiving \$45,500 in aid
 - Emergency Funding; 5 rounds
 - There is an immediate and urgent need
 - The situation will have a strong impact on the student and his/her family financially
 - The school assists the family through tuition aid and other efforts
 - The school has a concrete and detailed plan to support the family in the future
 - The student will likely withdraw if he/she does not receive additional aid
- 15. Reminders:**
- 1.** This coming Friday is our Go Wicked Gold for Childhood Cancer event, students are encouraged to wear "Gold" as part of their dress down day attire, and to bring in a donation in recognition of Pediatric Cancer Month.
 - 2.** We will be hosting an Enrollment Open House on Sunday, November 3rd in conjunction with "Discover Catholic Schools Week". Please encourage new families to check out our school.

III. Approval of Minutes from 05/29/19

- a. Minutes from the May 29, 2019 PTO meeting were presented, motion duly made to accept and unanimously accepted.

IV. Treasure's Report

- a. Budget Update
 - i. Stop n Shop Rewards brought in \$1500
 - ii. Current PTO funds deferred from 2018-2019 year total = \$30,630.07 with some approved purchases to still come through.

V. Fundraisers/Events 2019-2020

- a. 6th Annual Freaky Family 5K Fun Run & Walk – October 19th, 2019 –
 - i. Event is coming together, have raised \$5000 in sponsorships and have over 230 participants registered already
 - ii. We need volunteers! Sign up genius will be posted this week
 - iii. We are in need of raffle items gift cards, baskets, kid games/crafts – any raffle donations can be dropped off to the office – thank you!!
- b. Breakfast with Santa
 - i. Discussion on what to include and what to move away from
 - ii. Consensus was to bring back craft fair – into Parish Hall
 - iii. Mixed feelings on hot vs continental breakfast – going to try to do a combo some hot and more continental type food
- c. LCR January 10, 2020
 - i. Teams of 10(ish) play 2 rounds of LCR and then winners play final round
 - ii. Would like to add a DJ
 - iii. ? Offer buffet dinner, Chinese food was recommended – will research cost
- d. Spring Event March 2020
 - i. Suggestions from surveys indicated interest in new event

- ii. Discussed Comedy Night – nice night, full dinner, few comedians, continue raffles, silent auction, DJ,
- iii. Change venue to Rockland Golf Course, food provided by Smith’s Catering
- iv. All were in favor moving forward with this idea
- e. Move-a-thon – Spring 2020
 - i. Researching into Boosterthon company that runs the event
 - ii. This company provides structure for event, online event, program for character enrichment, the cost is \$1000 + sliding scale fee on pledge amounts
 - iii. Other catholic schools of similar size have raised \$20K+ on these events
 - iv. Ideas of using funds including continuing scholarships, grants for the teachers
- f. Golf Tournament – Friday, May 29, 2019
 - i. Looking to stay at Ridder’s Country Club
 - ii. More details to come

VI. Additional Business - We would like to encourage more parents to attend the meetings to hear new ideas and more feedback

VII. Closing - With no further business presented meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm with closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Kennedy
Secretary