

Parent Teacher Council Meeting

Meeting Notes 9/19/18

St. Monica Catholic Elementary School

Attendees:

Michelle Liu

Angela Carter

Rhoda Noori

Erika Turi

Kevin McCardle

Jennifer Auer-Escude

Maureen Mueller

Ashley Covarrubias

Neil Quinly

Liz Nuzzolese

Dan O'Brien

Cassandra Austin

Michael Ondrey

Nathalie Renard

Kristin Kosinski

1. Welcome: Dan O'Brien

2. Opening Prayer: Neil Quinly

3. President Update: Kevin McCardle, This is a Parish school, with 10,000 Parish families, yet only 50 (I am not sure I got the numbers right) choose to send their children to this school, 10 to the high school. Kevin wants to raise the profile of the work that Neil and staff do on a daily basis. Build bridges between the Elementary School and the High School as well as mend relationships with the Parish staff. These are all people who have at their core a common mission. Kevin compared his role here with his role at UCLA, how this is similar and yet different cause it involves parents. He realized what his role is now, what guides us all, bringing us all back to our common mission. It doesn't happen without the parents, we are all helping to push the schools forward. Create young disciples to transform the world.

4. Principal:

- Building on message. Thank you, for entrusting the education of your children upon us. It's a blessing. Thank you for serving on PTC, we collectively hope to make this school better.

- Reflection, All Our Welcome, all should be welcome, all are welcome, the challenge is are we able to serve all students. As we navigate we do our best, to serve all.
- Neil's statement -- If we as a staff are not building a community then we are tearing down community. We have to be very intentional as employees, as a staff about building community. Pastor raised a question: "What have you said good about your school to someone else? What has been a positive statement that you have made to another person?" Worth a reflection.
- What is good about St Monica? What can we say that is positive and good about St Monica?

- Kevin says: "Say it on social media, push those comments far out there and away, say good things, spread the positive message."

5. Vice Principal: Liz Nuzzolese.

Event: Bike It. Walk It. Bus It.

- Great opportunity for St Monica's. An initiative to use alternative transportation. Bike/Walk/Bus/Carpool, grouping together and all get to school with bikes/walking etc. We need to get the word out. News will go out starting Monday.
- Cass suggested that we set up meeting spots to do group walks to school.
- No. 18 comes right up to school, No. 9 comes right up 4th street. No. 1 and 7 cross on Santa Monica Blvd.
- Angela mentioned a carpool app, there is something at the high school, Carrie is going to look into it and reach out to Angela.
- Should we offer free dress for participating? Let's be mindful of what we are rewarding, maybe not this.

6. PTC President: Dan O'Brien

PTC Events Schedule, what's coming up?

Gillian Events calendar, let's find out, Dan & I & Liz, will follow up.

Inviting our new members to reach out to last year's participants. Get the skinny on what your role entails and what may have been started, needs

more work.

Carrie is making a calendar, printed wall calendar.

Carrie wants our events schedule for the school – all of us.

Mother/Son, April 6 & Father/Daughter Early Jan 12, Ashley will follow up with Mrs. Auer.

7. Annual Fund: Kristen & Carrie

- We and the board are tasking the schools to really work on participation.
- The dollar amount is important, but engagement is more important.
- We need everyone's participation to be successful.
- Teachers had a matching fund drive, the elementary school faculty & staff made 100% participation in one week, and it was matched, very inspiring.
- We did not get 100% participation from our PTC, last year.
- This year, this PTC, 100% participation is the goal. Ex., \$500 sponsor Seahawk Soc.
 - Challenge from Kristen, can we do the same, as the PTC, in a week?
 - Pledge donation as a monthly payment is available.
 - The money goes to Everyday Mathematics, Flooring, Visitor Management System, Resource Teacher.
 - Announced teacher participation to faculty and staff, then to PTC, and will be announced to the community at large in the newsletter to recognize their support of our students, and the school at large.
 - Matching gifts question from Dan, how do we sweeten the punch?
 - Kristen is going to look at and go after some foundations to submit a grant for matching gifts to our school and community.
 - A couple parents went to their employers and they had matching gift program, some of them did, worth looking into.
 - St Monica employees do not have a matching gift fund.
 - Seahawk Social planning meetings are in progress, please join us, we need more people, if you know anyone, direct them to Kristen. We'd like

to get more parent participation, in this event, cause we need help. Many ways to get involved, greatly appreciated. Event for all of us.

- Please buy your tickets, if you have not yet.
- Can we message that through the room parents. Can we put a list of things that are needed to, simple tasks that are easy to do for various skill sets and time commitments. Kristen and Vicki are working on a weekly invite to participate on specific tasks as they come up.
- Maybe we can help explain what the Seahawk Social is, new families often don't even know what it is, what is being planned, how they can participate, contribute, attend...etc.
- Introduction to the entire process, might be helpful.
- Party Books are fun.
- Fatigue is a concern.

8. PTC's Committee's Report

- Hospitality on the playground before School Mass on Fridays.
- Carrie gave updates on the auditorium. Blinds, sound, renovate the chairs, Eagle Scout, stage updates.

9. ACTION PLANS:

- **PTC Annual Fund CHALLENGE 100% participation, our goal, 1 week, from TODAY!**
- Holy Grounds, is an option. Neil and hospitality team need to discuss how to work on an action plan with Holy Grounds for Parent Fellowship before Mass.
- Calendar of events review: Liz/Dan/Nat, to give dates to Carrie for printed calendar.

Closing Prayer: Neil Quinly