

Parent Teacher Council Meeting

Meeting Notes 2/13/18

St. Monica Catholic Elementary School

Attendees:

Ashley Covarrubias

Nathalie Renard

Angela Carter

Michelle Liu

Michael Ondry

Carrie Boutros

Kristen Kozinski

Maureen Mueller

Dan O'Brien

Neil Quinly

1. Welcome: Neil Quinly

2. Opening Prayer: Neil Quinly

3. President Update: Kevin McCardle

- Not in attendance

4. Principal: Neil Quinly

• Music Program

- Started pull out program, very little interest, not sustainable.
- MS increased, built in music/performing arts as part of the elective structure. 1st year great deal of interest. 2nd year faded, very little interest from the MS students.
- Electives are only 1hr per week, not really enough to learn and excel in music.
- This year, 18/19, decided to not support the program.
- Discussion is ongoing with regard to music overall at SMCES. What do we want to do as a school?
- Some schools have a cadet band, students are grouped by brass or woodwinds, much larger student body. Evolves over time at these schools.
- Reviewing California standards, there is a creative expression category, performance, culture, history, the aesthetic value, connections/relationships/applications. What can SMCES do with these?
- Archdiocese recommends 50min a week for a music program, not very useful for students to actually excel in this subject.
- What do we need to remove from the student's day to allow for more of a genuine learning opportunity, beyond 50min weekly.
- There is a band on Saturday mornings at Notre Dame HS, for other students in the Archdiocese of LA to participate. Some students do participate in this program from SMCES.
- There is a HS music program, but it is music lite.

- Dan still wants to find someone to build a program that works for SMCES.
- Could this be an enrichment program opportunity? There was a violin program for a bit.
- Making music for Class Mass, it's happening in the 7th grade, with Mr. Kelly. \$10 to play, it's a Class Mass band. Alums could come back.
- Is there a way to bring the church music ensemble into SMCES as an option.
- **Neil would like ideas, how can we reimagine what music could should be for SMCES.**

5. Vice Principal: Liz Nuzzolese

- **Not in attendance.**

6. PTC's Committee's Report

• **Annual Fund – Carrie**

- 49% participation
- If your class reaches 75% participation will receive a pizza party for lunch next week.
- Tomorrow is the last day! Why you love your school, for Valentine's Day.

• **Mother Son Event**

- June 1st in the Auditorium, Ashley & Mrs. Auer booked it.
- End of year celebration!
- Let's Glo, It's Glo Party.

• **Sports Banquet**

- May 22nd, 6:30-8pm.

• **Dancing With Our Stars**

- Recommendation to get the cheer squad involved next year during one of the intermissions.
- Could create a Seahawk Social item to participate with the cheer squad at DWOS.

• **Talent Show**

- Maybe we could get another set of students involved to make jewelry or paint faces or something to sell at the talent show as a fundraiser or just as an extension of the community event.

• **Half Day Dining Out Options**

- Ashley is looking into other potential dates and locations to get another one of these in before the end of the year.

• **Sports Program**

- Lots of practices were cancelled for basketball.
- Students left on the school grounds with no supervision.
- Michael is going to follow up with Ms. Nuzzolese and coaches.
- Danny is going to reach out to Ryan Brick, potential coach.

8. Action Plans

- **Music Program**

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- **Annual Fund**

- Kristen is going to send her text out to PTC members to reach out to other folks in each class.

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Closing Prayer: Neil Quinly