

**Home School Association Meeting Minutes**  
**January 8, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.**

**Attendance:**

M.Sullivan	M. Witt	J.Frayne
K. Barabas	T.Petrone	M. Brito
M. Hroncich	D.LaGalia	C.Napolitano
A. DelGiodice	A.Nightingale	C.McCarthy
M.Gallagher	A.Gillespie	M.Sullivan
C.Ryu	L.DeRosa	V.McClure
J.Wells	R.Crimmins	

Kate started the meeting with a New Year Prayer.

**Presidents Report:** Kate thanked Lynne and Veronica for the wonderful Santa Breakfast! It was a fun event, and everyone loved it. She also thanked the Napolitano family, for making all the pancakes! She then thanked Giovanna and Kristina for their hard work on the Christmas Boutique.

**CHCC Update:** Kate shared a Thank You letter from the Christian Healthcare Center. They were touched by the cards the kids made, and all the many things donated. We will be making Valentines for them, and then doing another drive in late winter.

We hope to be able to do some “service” on the campus of CHCC in the spring.

**\$4\$-** Kate reminded everyone about the new \$4\$ guidelines, Teresa will explain everything further.

**Lunch-** Bills will be going out to all those who have not signed up for lunch duty.

**Gym Mats-** They will be installed after Catholic Schools Week.

**Golf Meeting-** There will be a committee meeting for our Golf Outing in late January or early Feb.

**Sports Award Dinner-** April 9th at Ramsey Country Club.

**Treasurer Report:** Danielle thanked everyone for all their hard work this year. We are ahead financially, from where we were last year at this point.

**Principal Report:**

Mrs. Lewis thanked everyone for the Faculty Christmas Party, she said everyone enjoyed themselves.

Re-registration materials will be going out this month.

SES will once again be doing IOWA tests in grades 2-8. (paper and pencil version)

Grades 5-8 will also take the ACRE test, which measures religious education content.

The 8th Graders will get the results of the HSPT on Thursday, they will go home with them.

Sweatshirts are NOT part of the uniform, if a student is cold during the day they should wear the school uniform fleece.

Spring/Summer uniforms will have black or navy blue sneakers starting officially in September, but they may wear them this year if they want to starting in April. If your white sneakers from the fall still are in good shape (and fit) they can be worn for this April-June.

**Catholic Schools Week 2019**

Sunday-Catholic Schools Week Mass at 9:00 am (students should be in uniform)-Open House from 10-12.

Monday-Pancake Breakfast (students in PJ's) Harlem Wizards in the afternoon.

Tuesday-Wacky Science and Spelling Bee

Wednesday- Open House (9-11)

Thursday-Special Person Day (grades K-4), Pep Rally in the afternoon.

Friday- ½ Day and Faculty Appreciation Lunch.

Mrs Kozar has announced her retirement, the 18-19 school year will be her last.

3rd Grade-8th will begin working with Youth Song in an Improv program. More information will be going home with details.

The YMCA Basketball Program will begin once our basketball program concludes. It will involve grades K-3, and take place after school at SES.

Colleen M, brought up that the weight of the backpacks is something that she would like to see addressed. She feels that the 6th graders are still adjusting to their middle school schedule, and they tend to bring all their books everywhere. She suggested more "education" for the students on what books they need when. The group at large felt that the kids are "nervous"

about forgetting a book, so they take everything. Mrs Lewis said that they often do not need to bring the books they are bringing, and many textbooks have e-book options.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Christmas Boutique:** Event was a success. Shopping throughout the year instead of just having the items from the vendor is being considered for next year.

**Breakfast with Santa-** SOLD OUT! Great time was had by all, and the kids loved it. Having only one seating made things much easier. Everyone remarked on how special the morning was.

**\$4\$-** Teresa stressed that online ordering is the “preferred” way to go. There will be two extended orders per month going forward. If you are getting cards from Mrs. P, the limit per week for grocery is \$500 and for Starbucks, and Dunkin \$250.

**Lunch-** Teresa and Cienna mentioned that it is so important to be punctual, and to remember to show up for lunch duty. We have 50 slots open for the rest of the year.

Nicholas Markets has added a bunch of things to the menu, and they will be meeting with Nicholas Markets in the future to go over the program as a whole as they prepare for next year.

**Gala-**Jenny and Krista said they they are actively looking for donations, and that they would love to see some “experiences” for our donations this year. They mentioned groups of people pooling their resources to donate something that can be a unique experience. They referenced the 90 Acres event from this past year, and the Cafe Amici Wine Room night as donations that excited people in the past.

While all donations are welcome and greatly appreciated, these were just some suggestions based on what people seen to prefer. If you would like to donate, however you are not sure what to donate, cash or scrip cards are great as well.

**The Gala is March 2nd and attendance is very important, this is our schools most important fundraiser.**

Mara H mentioned that she would like to see our school Facebook page get more “followers” or “likes”. She said it is such an important marketing tool, and she would like to see more people exposed to all the great things SES is doing. It was also suggested that people “share” some of the SES Facebook posts on their own pages to gain more traffic to the page over all.

