

MINUTES

Bishop McHugh Regional Catholic School

Date/time 11/02/2016 6:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Anita McMahon

In Attendance

Principal McGuire	Anita McMahon	Nadine Marks Dempsey	Chrissy Reich
Debbie Laricks	Maria Welsh	Deb Pasceri	Lora Radzietta
Betsy Gibson	Kathy Filippo	Felicia Niven	Toni Grdinich
Jill Thompson			

Opening Prayer

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the October meeting and stand approved.

Principal's Report - Mr. Tom McGuire

This morning there was a school wide morning meeting. The meeting lasted approximately 25 minutes. This is part of the Responsive Classroom Driven initiative. The meeting included a greeting portion, pinky shake, an activity, and also included some drum music. Principal McGuire is hoping to have school wide morning meetings at least monthly. The students and faculty seemed to really enjoy this format!

Safety Team has been working on several initiatives:

- New Intercom system is up and running. The outdoor feature will be added in the near future. The faculty will now be able to communicate with the front office from their classrooms!
- Currently looking at bids for a new security gate to be installed towards the main entrance. Several bids have been submitted. Monies have been provided from State Funding that BMRCs receives via Dennis Township. Looking to have an aesthetically pleasing gate while providing safety and durability. Current bids are from Mitchell Ironworks, Virginia Ironworks, and Murphy's in Cape May.
- Toni to ask her contacts about possibly purchasing through a state contract at a discounted price.

Parish Discussions

- St. Max has increased communication with Felicia since the meeting with Fr. Pete! Visibility in the bulletin has increased.
- Hospitality Sunday is November 6th at St. Max. BMRCs is the sponsor this month for the gathering after masses in the pavilion. Please reach out to Maria Welsh if you are able to provide help. Choir will be singing at the 0930 mass.
- Felicia will have the next meeting will be with Our Lady of Angels.

Open Houses

- Open houses continue. Principal McGuire and Felicia currently are giving tours of the school.
- Possibility of Parent Ambassadors to follow up with families after tours to answer questions and be a contact. Will look at trying to pair families with parents who have children in the same grade.

Athletic Department Fundraiser-11/20/16 3pm-8pm

Dusty Laricks spoke to the group regarding a fundraiser "Battle of the Birds" that will benefit the Athletic Department. This will be a family event held at Kix in Sea Isle City. The Eagles will be playing the Seahawks. Various games will be offered for the kids as well as different options for the adults. Tickets will be \$20 for adults and \$10 for children in advance and adult tickets at door will be \$25.

There will be a chance to win Eagles tickets! Names will be entered into a drawing for any adult ticket purchased. Looking for support from PATH to advertise this event!

School Calendar-Future Events

- Breakfast with Santa 12/3/16 9am-11am (50/50 raffle will be drawn at this event)
- Pool Party at OC Aquatic Center 1/21/17 time TBD but looking for 5pm-7pm
- Casino Night 2/25/17 at LaCosta in Sea Isle 7pm-11pm
- Golf Outing 5/19/17
- Laps For Learning 4/28/17 time TBD

Halloween Tailgate-Recap

Great Tailgate again this year! Thank you to Michelle and Maria for all of your hard work along with all of the other helpers! Thanks to Blondies Floats and Three Guys Rolling Pies. Everyone loved the Hayrides and food! Discussion was had regarding opportunities for improvement for next year.

- Streamline parking procedure. Possibly have the cars go through a drop off type process and have the children assemble in the gym while parents park the cars. Students could then "parade" out to the parking lot and the judges would be able to view the kids as they all walk out. Younger kids should stay in the cars if parents do not feel they can be in the gym. This will help to eliminate the safety concerns with the kids running around lot as cars are arriving.
- Possibly have Team Mercy help in the gym to help in beginning but then let them participate in the rest of the evening and not have to be "working"
- Discussion holding Tailgate on a Saturday afternoon. This would allow for less rushing for working parents and also for the parents after a full day of school trying to get to school by 4:45. If continue to hold on a Friday, possibly push a little later?
- Upon checking in, notify the driver that cars are unable to leave until the designated end of the night for safety reasons. If a car must leave early, they should not park in the main lot. If an emergency comes up, have a point person or an emergency station set up. This would allow for a safer exit for that car.
- Need more volunteers with specific assigned jobs and times for each job.

Breakfast with Santa-12/03/2016

Breakfast will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. Mr. and Mrs. Balestriere coordinating the food portion. We will be responsible for drinks, paper products, donuts, and decorations. Discussion regarding who will pull the 50/50 ticket. Suggested that possibly Mr. or Mrs. Balestriere be the person. Mr. and Mrs. Clause has been secured by the Balestrieres.

- Looking for help to decorate the Friday 12/2. Kathy Filippo to ask if this might be something Team Mercy could help with.

50/50-12/03/2016

- Homeroom parents will be asked to reach out to their classrooms to remind/encourage people to sell and return the packets.
- Discussion regarding possibly pulling the winning ticket at the Golf Outing next year to allow for longer ticket sales.

Treasury Report- Kelly Balestriere

No new information at this time

GOLF Outing-5/19/17

Push to get at least 80 more golfers. Golf committee to have a meeting 11/3/17.

New Business

Lengthy discussion regarding the auction items that are typically auctioned in the fall at the Golf Outing. Due to the weather and the rescheduling of the outing, the auction did not take place. Concern regarding 8th grade families "missing" an opportunity to name a hallway, have a parking spot, have front row seats etc.

- Vote amongst PATH was taken. Anita McMahon motioned to have an auction the fall as well as in the spring. The auction would be opened up to 8th grade families first and then offered to the rest of the school community. The auction at the Gold Outing in the spring would still take place with the winners having their signs, etc. Be displayed for the start of the 17/18 school year. Betsy Gibson seconded the motion. PATH unanimously voted yes to this idea.
- Toni Grdinich to coordinate the auction with the help of PATH.

Discussion regarding the winter uniforms. Mr. McGuire to investigate any changes or additions to the uniform. Concern regarding the mandatory sweater was discussed as it related to the temperature inside the school on some of the warmer days.

Discussion regarding the need for increased communication was brought up as it relates to Fruit of the Spirit awards. Some people expressed that they were unaware that child was receiving the awards. Mr. McGuire to remind the teachers to please let families know in advance so they can make arrangements to come to the presentation.

Discussion regarding Prayer Partners. Kathy Filippo to talk to Mrs. Hendee regarding possibility of a "guideline" sheet to be created and distributed to families. Over time there have been gift exchanges with some partners but not all. Want to give families some information on what the expectations are.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00pm

Next Meeting 12/07/16 6:00 PM
