

PAC meeting minutes 1/11/2021 via Zoom

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In attendance: Mrs. Cahill, Melissa Canarvis, Annie Miraglia, Sheri McGee, JJ Calnon, Melissa Barnard, Terri Sichak, Jackie Coccia, Meredith Mortimer

Principal's Remarks:

- School registration opens this Wednesday (1/13/2021) for current families; new families can enroll beginning February 1st
- Still getting a lot of phone calls inquiring about next year (mostly for Kindergarten); if enrollment is increased enough, there is the possibility of looking into second sections of grade levels; there have been several tours of the school that have taken place
- Catholic Schools Week is approaching – there will be a virtual art show by the diocese and Mrs. Veitch will be working on submissions from SPX.
- Mrs. Cahill is still looking for families to make a short (30-45 sec) video of why they love St. Pius Tenth School, and she will have these put together to post to social media and the school website to promote the school. Alumni are also welcomed to participate.
- Scholastic gift cards will be going out soon for the November winners from the club challenges.
- There will be a service project during Catholic Schools week, creating hygiene kits for the Open Door Mission.

Monthly Topics Discussed:

Clubs:

- Virtual Service Club Challenges: For February, we will be doing a collection for enrichment bags for nursing homes. The students will help to put together the enrichment bags in small groups (older grades). The kits will include items such as word search, cards, adult coloring books, crayons/colored pencils, books, etc.). Jackie, Meredith and Melissa C will be coordinating this and will be sending out information to families so that they can provide donations. Looking at having some of the students create posters to be put up at school to generate interest and excitement for this service club activity.
- Jackie indicated that the residents/nursing home will be responding to the cards/letters sent to them from our students soon.

Events:

- Virtual Book Fair: Melissa Barnard to coordinate. It will take place the first 2 weeks in March. She has already signed up the school and received the tool kit. Melissa B. will be meeting with Mrs. Cahill soon to see what parts of the tool kit should be used. She is looking for some volunteers to help with this event.
- January 15th treats: Annie indicated that she is working on this with JJ (2nd and 3rd grades) and will be providing the staff/teachers a luncheon from Wegmans.
- Sheri and Melissa B. will be coordinating the next special treats day on March 19th. **Still looking for a 1st grade parent to help coordinate that grade.**
- Virtual Dance Party: Friday, March 12, 2021. Emily Yates to chair. She will be dividing the school into two groups, PreK-2nd and 3rd-5th due to number of students we have and the differences in ages and will plan activities accordingly. **If you would like to help with this event, please contact Emily directly Emmyk314@hotmail.com.** We reviewed the information provided by Emily and offered feedback, but overall, what she has planned sounded great. Melissa C. will email Emily the feedback.
- Virtual Wine Tasting: Mrs. Cahill did not have any new information on this yet.

Additional Topics Discussed:

- **Apparel Order:** Reviewed the order form and all were in agreement; a hard copy will be sent home on 1/13/2021 (Melissa C. to email it to Mrs. Cahill after the PAC meeting). Orders must be received by 1/29/2021.
- **Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet:** Reviewed the volunteer sign-up sheet. Will add Virtual Book Fair to it. All were in agreement; a hard copy will be sent home on 1/13/2021 (Melissa C. to email it to Mrs. Cahill after the PAC meeting). Asking for these to get returned to school by 1/29/2021. Hopefully it will generate some more volunteers for the events and fundraisers we have planned for the remainder of the school year.
- Discussed **run club** and that having it virtually will be very difficult. Hoping to have this in person this year and will add it to the agenda for next month.
- JJ mentioned/suggested having a **donation letter** mailed home to SPX alumni and having students send out thank you cards for those who donate. Similar things are done at other schools, such as Aquinas. Will add it to the agenda for next month.

If there are any topics you specifically would like discussed at any future meeting, please let Melissa Canarvis know (mcanarvis@gmail.com). *****Next PAC meeting – February 8th at 6:30 pm, via Zoom**