

St. Bernadette PTO Meeting Minutes March 9, 2023; zoom meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm. Officers present: President Jeni Fulton, Treasurer Vanessa Hartman, Secretary Denise Byrum, Social Event Coordinator Jennifer Harris. Opening prayer led by Denise Byrum.

Principal's Update (Mrs. Ingram):

Accreditation: Went very well with the committee being very complimentary of the school and staff. The future academic goal is to increase multidisciplinary applications of math and reinforce STEM focus, as well as using precise math vocabulary. Additionally, there will be intentional focus to apply social justice pillars to the community.

Open Position: Applications are coming in to replace 5th grade teacher Mrs. Megan Mattei, leaving at the end of the year.

Honk musical: restarting, but only 7 weeks to prepare. Parent helpers needed, but some volunteers are available to help.

Updates and New Business:

Flying Pig children's program (Jenn Pikal): May 6--Email with information to resume the running club. Sara Kremer will co lead. 3:15-4:15 after school on Mondays. Additional "safe parish" trained volunteers needed. Gym is reserved in case of inclement weather. Flying Pig mascot will come to pep rally on March 27.

LaRosas (Jenn Pikal): \$105 donation this past month. Organize by winning house vs homeroom.

Walkathon (Jeni Fulton for Jessica Benkelmann): May 12; Partnering with the fundraiser company for a color run. Kickoff 5/2 video; Business and corporation matching for donations. Stagger the event--Have kids cheer each other by running in groups to lengthen the event, 3 hours? Need to check with Londa about including the preschool. Match incoming students with potential 7th grade buddies. Signup genius for parents volunteers. White shirt optional for students. Adults throw packets of color at the kids bodies. Safety goggles optional.

School kits (Jennifer Harris): Set up for May; 10% discount; meet threshold in sales so school will get reimbursement.

Mother Son movie night (Annie Antle/Jeni Fulton). April 22, Mario movie. RJs or Pierce Point.

Father Daughter Event (Ashley White): enjoyed by families.

Family Fun Night, May 19. Food in tent, doing same activities.

Teacher appreciation week (May 8-12). Loved food truck and coffee truck. Theme?

Future PTO Events/Ideas: Out of uniform pass for the next day for parents who attend PTO meeting. Figuring out whole school visit to the building. Before school starts, meet the teacher night-go to all the classrooms instead of just future class/get prizes/mingle. Stamp card and then get an ice cream at the end. Food trucks for families to pay for dinner. Raffle off spring concert seat.

Family Skating Night fundraiser (Jennifer Harris): March 21

Other School Financial Needs: to reach as many kids as possible; playground needs additional equipment and shades. Old playground broken. Fitness route for the kids. Performing arts: Additional sound equipment for students, such as individual microphones at ~\$800 each or boom microphones. Stage lighting.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm. Minutes submitted by Denise Byrum. The minutes from the January 2023 meeting were approved by the Board and have been posted on the PTO website.

ATTENDANCE: Denise Byrum, Jeni Fulton, Vanessa Hartman, Liz Ingram, Ashley White, Jenn Pikal, Jennifer Harris, Daniel Smith, Annie Antle, Craig Meisman