

## St. Bernadette PTO Meeting Minutes September 12, 2024; School Cafeteria

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Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm. Officers present: President Ashley White, Vice President Annie Antle, Treasurer Tiffany Sentman, Secretary Denise Byrum, Member at Large Jessica Benkelmann, Social Event Coordinator Jennifer Harris.

Opening prayer led by Denise Byrum.

### **Principal's Report (Mrs. Ingram):**

**Newsletter for 2023-24 school year:** Have a separate PTO newsletter or send out minutes? Can get info to Liz Ingram before noon Thursday to add to her weekly newsletter.

**School Air Conditioning:** Actively looking at Mini splits to push in air to the classrooms; not central air but would be for dedicated classrooms (6 rooms). This can be utilized in winter in reverse cycle for heat. Need \$35,000 to do this, Applying the fall fundraiser because this is a safety issue to purify air for students and due to high temperatures.

**After school clubs:** New this year, more after school programs. Additionally, beginning in Oct, courses after school through Nexlore programs for Robocoding (Grades K-2), Build a bot (Grades 3-5), Improv drama (Grades 5-8). Approximately \$180 per class series, 6 students minimum and 30 students maximum. Classes run 3:10-4:10 once a week for 9 classes.

**Technology:** Kim Heninger retired; looking for person or vendor to contract out 2 days per week. Currently, Mrs. Ingram and Mrs. Roesel are filling in.

### **Updates/Volunteer Opportunities:**

#### **Social events (Jennifer Harris):**

- Beechmont Rollerena Skating party, \$1 per student goes back to the school, on Tuesday, Sept 17
- Family Fun Night Sept 13 with Sing 2 movie and free Kona Ice for students.
- Calendar with other event dates in the newsletter. Help is needed hosting and with all events. Older students can volunteer and get service hours toward confirmation. Signups at Family fun night to get the word out.
- Grandparents Day: Mass followed by classroom visit, room parents host event with breakfast foods. Grandparents start at the youngest and go to the oldest. Ends before 10am.
- Breakfast with Santa needs a host. Breakfast is catered.

**Fall Fundraiser (Annie Antle):** Kicking off on Sept 16. Harry Potter themed coops. Catalog purchase or donate through the school by cash or check to not get charged a fee. Get the word out through emails or social media. May be able to set up a platform to accept credit card donations to the school. Donations will go to the School air conditioning needs.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

**Used Uniforms:** Thank you to Craig and Paula Meisman for their service all these years. \$2910 was made recently. Need more donations. Need a coordinator. Used uniforms are being kept at the school.

**LaRosa's:** Need an owner; do new restaurants as well. Need to make sure that this does not overlap with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade fundraisers with restaurants. Want to investigate doing LaRosa's 1 time per trimester.

### **New Business/Community Input:**

**Walkathon (Jessica Benkelmann):** in contact with the group to help with the planning. Discussion of the fee structure for the company that hosts this. They get \$1500 flat fee and then we need to decide their level of involvement whether it costs 30% or 20% of the donations. More volunteers would be needed if the lower level was utilized. They brought 4 workers, DJ, and materials. They also provide a platform for accepting donations by credit card and the video/promotional materials to encourage donations through social media.

**School Supply kits:** Time intensive and the school makes no money on this. Not sure if it worth it to do. Convenient for some parents. May look at canceling or make it an 8<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser to get supplies and divvy out to the participants.

**Laminator:** Approved and needed for teachers to replace the old one. Ordering in process with Mrs. Ingram.

**Meeting adjourned 8:23 pm. Minutes submitted by Denise Byrum. Jessica Benkelmann won the gift card. Students represented by someone who attended the meeting will receive an out of uniform day pass for early next week.**