

J. E. Cosgriff Memorial Catholic School
Home and School Association Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, September 4, 2018



Members in Attendance:

Principal: Betsy Hunt
President: Scott McAward
Vice President: (excused) Kate Smith
Secretary: Elizabeth Craig
Treasurer: Eric Jacobsen
Faculty/Staff: Courtney Sebahar

Room Reps:

Preschool 2's – Green M/W: ABSENT
Preschool 2's – Green T/Th: Alli Gardner
Preschool 3/4 – Lee: ABSENT
Preschool 3/4 – Swaner: Ashley Gardner
Pre-K – Lee: Elaina Yenchek
Pre-K – Swaner: Megan Keswick, Kayley Danielson
Kindergarten – Lacombe: Joseph Zalla
Kindergarten – Jenkins: Kodee Wolfgram
First Grade – Dunn: Jill Curry
First Grade – Commagere: Erin Freeman
Second Grade – Jenny Mastrorocco
Third Grade – Val Rasmussen
Fourth Grade – Gale: Kara Agresta
Fifth Grade – Pam Hildebrand
Sixth Grade – Cheri Wright, Rachel Weir
Seventh Grade – Lam Nguyen, Becky Fowler
Eighth Grade – Lee Cotter

Committee Members: None

Others in Attendance: None

- I. **Welcome and Opening Prayer** Scott McAward, President gave a lovely welcome and Elizabeth Craig, Secretary read a Prayer to Obtain Favors

Opening Prayer Schedule:

- October: Cheri Wright
- November: Erin Freeman
- December: Elaina Yenchek
- January: Val Rasmussen
- February: OPEN**
- March: Pam Hildebrand
- April: OPEN**
- May: Open**

II. **How Did We Do?**

- a. Back to School Night – Should we consider a replacement picnic/taco truck event?
 - i. Lots of support to continue a replacement picnic in the future
 - 1. Kids get to see each other before the start of school
 - 2. Would have been helpful for new families to get to know others
- b. New Family/Mentor Program/Mixer
 - i. HUGE success, well planned by Rebecca Gray and Ashley Gardner.
 - 1. Cosgriff is the only private school that offers this and it made a difference when one new family was picking which school.
 - 2. Better attendance after school starts with vacation scheduling.

III. **Principal's Report** (Betsy Hunt)

- a. Retreat Theme- presented to teachers and faculty on differentiation instruction and how students are all different learners. Teachers are reading a book on getting to know their students and showing them how much they care about them.
- b. Perspective Family Meetings and Tours- Maggie Kearns mkearns@cosgriff.org and Betsy Hunt bhunt@cosgriff.org are present for each. Please have those interested in sending their children to Cosgriff contact one of them for more information.
- c. Bad in Plaid- Sold out of Foursomes! Please volunteer and get your hours!
- d. Grandparent's Brunch- Message of this event is how fortunate Cosgriff is to have the grandparent's children and grandchildren at our school.
 - i. If you have a parent coming from out of town by themselves, you are allowed to accompany them to this event.
 - ii. If you have a few family members coming- PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND! There is not enough space.
 - 1. Question was asked moving the date because Wednesday is garbage day in the neighborhood and parking is a challenge. Unfortunately, PE is Tues/Thurs which would be hard for the students to miss so the date needs to stay the same.
- e. Prayers- Students will be memorizing more prayers this year and teachers will be receiving a course from Notre Dame on Faith Foundation.

IV. **HSA Budget 2018** – Eric Jacobsen, Treasurer

- a. We want to be intentional with our budget, Please don't feel obligated to spend own money on items already budgeted and approved through HSA – please consider submitting receipts for reimbursement (must save receipts). Much better to turn those in and write Betsy a check that she can spend where needed most.

b. St. Patrick's Day Float- Needs a leader.

V. **Teacher's Report** (Courtney Sebahar)

- a. Along with the new playground each grade has adopted a gardening box.
- b. Google Expedition Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) sets have been added to the school to enhance learning.

VI. **Room Parent Check In** – How is it going with setting up classroom volunteers?

- a. **Concern about not enough volunteer opportunities**
 - i. Our school is in desperate daily need of volunteers with our lunch program. If you would be willing, please sign up for a few shifts. We need (2) volunteers every day. It's also very beneficial to sign up for a couple of shifts so that you can become acclimated to the duties much like volunteering in the library. However, if you can only do (1) shift this month, that is OK! We just need your help! Please go to the sign-up genius at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0F4FADAB2CA7F49-lunch
 1. Mon-Th: 11:30-1pm
 2. Friday: 11am-12pm
 - a. We are also looking for a long-term solution to this issue. If someone can agree to do this all year Betsy will offer reduction in tuition or paid time. Please contact her at bhunt@cosgriff.org.
 - ii. Library- will be starting this week. Keep reading Betsy's email for information on how to sign-up.
- b. **Faculty Lunch**- same month grade has recess duty
 - i. 45 total, can get it catered or do a potluck.
 1. Ask for donations or signups
 - a. Danielle will get a list of Cosgriff owned restaurants
 - i. Please let [Danielle djeffries@cosgriff.org](mailto:Danielle.djeffries@cosgriff.org) know if you are reaching out to them to make sure it does not conflict w/ other fundraising activities (in case they offer a discount)

VII. **Open Discussion** – Questions? Concerns?

- a. **Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs and Social Media Concerns**
 - i. Parents would like more age appropriate education for them on what they need to know and how to talk to their kids about it. Maybe a Parent/Student night?
 1. HSA is considering a Parent Education Series twice a year on these topics.
 2. If you are interested in working on this subcommittee please email Scott McAward smcaward@sa.utah.edu

September Dates to Remember

- 8th Grade Playground Duty AND Faculty Lunch
- September 3 – Labor Day Holiday -NO SCHOOL
- September 5 – School Board Meeting
- September 6 – Prospective Family Parent Tour 9 AM
- September 7 – Middle School Dance
- September 9 – Bad in Plaid Golf Tourney
- September 10 – First Holy Communion Parent meeting 7 PM
- September 12 – Eighth Grade Retreat
- September 13 – Progress Reports

- September 17 – Picture Retakes
- September 24 – Confirmation Parent meeting 7 PM
- September 26-27 – Parent Teacher Conferences (early dismissal both days 12:15 PM)
- September 27 – Faculty Lunch Hosted by Eight Grade
- September 30 – Youth Group 6th, 7th, 8th

October Dates to Remember

- 2nd Grade Playground Duty AND Faculty Lunch
- October 1 – HSA Meeting 7 PM
- October 3 – Grandparent Brunch 9 AM – FORMAL DRESS
- October 10 – Prospective Family Parent Tour 9 AM
- October 14 – Seventh Grade Hosts Mass 11 AM
- October 18 – 1st Quarter Ends – Early Dismissal 12:15 PM
- **October 19 – Fall Break – NO SCHOOL**
- October 25 – Faculty Lunch Hosted by Second Grade
- October 26 – Fall Family Festival
- October 26-31 – Book Fair
- October 28 – First Holy Communion Presentation Mass 11AM
- October 31 – Halloween Parade 2:30 PM

Next Meeting Monday, October 1, 7 PM