

Parent Council Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 2021

**Members Present:** Sarah Jane Nicoll, Kelly Anderson, Val Reuter, Katie Schad, Dena Heen, Jennifer Doschadis, Kris Lawrence-Schumann, Jeremy Mathiasen, Mark McGowan, Abby Schneider

**Members Present on Zoom:** Kris Haehn, Mark Donlin, Jen Buckentine, Marit Ortega, Terri Norman, Nicole Hoffman

The meeting was called to order at 11:33 am by the Co-President, Sarah Jane Nicoll. She led the group in prayer.

**Agenda:** Agenda was reviewed. Katie Schad motioned to approve the agenda. Kris Lawrence-Schumann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Secretary's Report:** Report was reviewed. Val Reuter motioned to approve the minutes, which were submitted by Jennifer Doschadis. Katie Schad seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kris Lawrence-Schumann presented the treasurer's report. The current balance remains unchanged at \$10,975.66. Val Reuter made a motion to approve the report. Ann Herold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Regarding monthly staff treats: there is not much food left for the afternoon/evening custodial staff. Suggestions were made to plate food and put it aside for these staff members with a sign when setting up. Sarah Jane will call about the number of staff on this shift.

The green sheet donations for staff Christmas gifts is \$5,073.00. There are approximately 83 staff members, with that number to be confirmed. Sarah Jane recommended \$60 per person. Katie Schad made a motion to approve this amount. Val Reuter seconded the motion. Motion carried. Looking to have Santa come again to hand out candy canes to the students during their lunch hour. Question arose whether the school wants to have someone come in or not in accordance with Covid guidelines. If there is concern about having an extra person in the building in contact with the students, there may be the possibility that Emmett could be Santa since he has a Santa suit. Sara Jane is going to donate the candy canes and ask Emmett.

January staff treats are provided by 10th grade. Jennifer Doschadis is leading this.

There is a December Parent Council meeting. However, there won't be an agenda or speaker. We will have a potluck, fill out Christmas cards for the staff and deliver them personally. The meeting will be at 11:00 am.

As parents and zoom members signed in, they were asked to check which Parent Council meeting time works best for them: current lunch time, evening, or no preference. Marit Ortega requested on the Parent Council email and facebook page for members to email their preference to her. We are taking a poll to see which time is most preferable so feedback is helpful. Mark Donlin suggested via Zoom chat to have the Parent Council meeting after Cathedral's mass.

The Parent Council is providing the staff conference meal on Thursday, November 11th.

Mark Donlin didn't receive any responses via email about the best spiritual practices that parents have for engaging their child/children in their spiritual development. Also via Zoom chat he questioned whether the parent council should engage in the spiritual practices to amplify the success of our children. An example would be parents prayerfully supporting our students on retreat.

CCS ordered a speaker/microphone system that will be used during future Parent Council meetings. Hopefully this will solve the problem of Zoom members not being able to hear very well.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 pm by Sarah Jane Nicoll. It was followed by guest speaker Ann Brown, who leads the International Student program. Other guest speakers were host families Abby Schneider and Jeremy Mathiasen, along with their international students from Spain.

Respectfully submitted by: Jennifer Doschadis, Parent Council Secretary