

Home and School Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2011

Dr. Williby's Update:

Dr. Williby provided a top "4" list of why the SSM staff appreciate Home and School. She shared the four include: #4) the meals that will be provided for parent/teacher conferences; 3) the monthly treats that are provided to staff; 2) the fun that parents and students are having by playing in the mud in the renovation of the playground; and 1) keeping St. Stephen's in the top 15 of the U.S. Cellular competition. She expressed her appreciation for all of the support that is provided.

She shared that she has received information regarding hosting author(s) presentations to the school. There was a discussion on the availability of funds to host speakers. \$7500.00 has been budgeted for speakers for the 2011-2012 year. \$2000 of the \$7500 is used to pay for the Courage Retreat speakers for the 7th graders. \$4000 of the \$7500 is used to pay for the Rose Theater in-services. \$1000 is available if a decision is made to host an author or authors. A discussion on continuing the contract with the Rose Theater to provide the in-services to the students occurred. The contract for 2011-2012 has been signed. It was also shared that as part of the grant that is written for the musical, the Rose Theater will provide an in-service for the teachers that they could then incorporate into their classroom. Pam Foral asked for guidance from Dr. Williby and Mr. Lebeda on whether to host a speaker and if so, which speaker or speakers would be most beneficial to the school. Dr. Williby will follow up with Pam.

Committee Updates:

Teacher Appreciation:

Lori Bonnet reported that the 2011 Christmas Gift Certificate Program will kick-off on October 19, 2011. She reported that there will be 93 recipients this year. Lori reported that last year there were 339 families, out of 450, that participated. The average amount received per family was \$40.44, the total received last year was \$13,708. There were 94 recipients last year. This program provides parents the opportunity to donate to the program, which in turn provides Project Hope gift certificates, to all of the faculty and staff at SSM.

Secret Santa Shop:

The committee reported that they put a save the date in the recent Martyr Messenger. The committee also reported that they have changed the name to "Santa Shop." There are volunteers who have already begun to sign up to help. They will be using Sign Up Genius to assist in receiving donations from parents. The committee is using the same company as last year, as well as ordering merchandise from Cosgrove and other sources. The committee will be working closely with the church office as well as Beth and Kim, the co-treasurers. Kim Hall asked the committee to inventory the items when they come in, as well as keep any receipts that they receive. Both will need to be submitted to Kim and Beth. The committee also shared that they are hoping to utilize Little Saints for parents who may need child care in order for them to be available to volunteer.

Playground Update:

Stacy Watson reported that work has begun on the playground. She reported that the playground will need to be dry in order for work to continue this weekend. If the playground is wet the equipment cannot be used. She also reported that the retaining wall will need to be assessed where the sand box was previously. Stacy reported that a drain tile system will be put in place around the swings. She also extended a thank you to the men who worked over the weekend, as well as the 8th graders and their parents. An e-mail has gone out asking for volunteers for this weekend. Pam recommended that a flyer go home in the Friday folders. The grant to pay for half of the rubber tire mulch has been submitted by Stacy. She reported that we will receive notification in February as to whether SSM will receive the grant or not. Beth S. reported that H & S has funding to pay for the playground renovation should we not receive the grant.

U.S. Cellular Update:

Pam Foral reported that today is the last day to vote. As of last Thursday, SSM was in 12th place. Pam reported that the area manager for U.S. Cellular will make the announcement should SSM win. U.S. Cellular will contact Dr. Williby prior to making the public announcement. Pam shared with U.S. Cellular that SSM has their all school assembly on Mondays, which would be the best time to make a public announcement. We will not know until November if we are one of the 18 recipients. Pam thanked the committee for their work and everyone for their participation.

Cooks Night Out:

Anne Kalkowski reported that the next Cooks Night Out will be Thursday, October 13th at Hy-Vee. There will be a flyer that will be sent out the day before the event in the students folders. The last Cooks Night Out was at Godfather's on 168th and Center. Anne is waiting to hear back on the amount that will be coming to SSM. The Cooks Night Out was well attended in September.

November 14th will be the Cooks Night Out for next month. It will be at Sam and Louie's from 5 to 9. Families will need to let Sam and Louie's that they are with St. Stephen's. Families will be able to eat in or carry out for the event. 15% will come back to St. Stephen's.

Hy-Vee:

Kami Shaloub reported that Hy-Vee will give SSM \$1 for every \$200 in receipts that are turned in. Hy-Vee will give up to \$2000.00. Keep turning in your receipts.

Smart Board contest: Proctor & Gamble and Sara Lee are running a promotion where if families purchase certain products a separate receipt will print out a code that parents can then enter in and vote for their school. The family with the most votes can win an iPad 2. SSM has won a smart board for the last three years. This year the Smart Board will be for Mrs. Smith.

Sunny Delight is running a promotion at Hy-Vee. For every 20 labels that are submitted, Sunny Delight will provide 20 books. Lisa Bazis has offered to count the labels. Please submit the labels to your child's teacher.

Buzz Book:

Nancy reported that the Buzz Book is ready to go to print. 500 books have been ordered. She also reported that the Buzz Book will be accessible on the SSM website in a pdf format. In order to access the buzz book, a password is needed which Nancy will provide. The Buzz Book will not be accessible via the website using a cell phone.

Box Tops:

October 3rd was the first turn in for Box Tops. Mrs. Arlene Winkler's class is the winner of the traveling trophy.

Fedoras/Tyson/Campbell's/Land-O-Lakes:

The committee reported that they are no longer collecting Capri Sun juice packets.

The committee has already collected \$15.00 worth of Fedora's, which is a promotion through Godfather's. Please cut out the Fedora, which is on the pizza box, and send in.

The committee has placed boxes in each of the classrooms to collect glue sticks. Kari Lazure is in charge of this project.

Please remember to cut out the entire Tyson A+ label so that we can receive the 24 cents per label.

There will be a container outside of the office soon to collect all of the above labels.

Hospitality:

Kelly Bodner reported that the committee will be providing all of the meals for the teachers during Parent/Teacher conferences. Jimmy John's will be provided for lunch on Thursday. Sgt. Peppers will be provided for Thursday evening and on Friday, Godfather's will be provided for lunch.

In November, the committee will have a "Thank You" cart. The committee will be asking for candy and \$10 gift cards. Staff will be able to draw for a gift card.

Budget Update:

Kim Hall and Beth Soulierre asked members to be mindful going forward that unless a project has been planned for in the budget, there will not be monies available.

Misc:

A request was made by Nicole Neesen that H & S do something for Fr. Tiegs, who will be having surgery the first part of November. He will be out for at least two weeks. H & S will be putting something together for Fr. Tiegs for his recovery.

Next Meeting: 11/3/11 at 7:00 p.m. in the GPC