

St. Helen Catholic School  
HSA Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2016

- I. Opening Prayer- Jen Sanders
  - Rayanne Darensbourg introduces the board, parents and visitors present.
  
- II. Father Jim- unable to attend.
  - Construction Updates- We appreciate your continued patience and understanding during these obstacles we have faced. Man holes were completed, new areas were worked on and concrete was added. A fire lane behind the nurse's office will give us a play space for our students. Afternoon traffic changes will be ongoing, but it will get better!
    - There is a possibility that the 2017-2018 school year opening will be pushed to late August. We will keep you posted to the continued progress and set-backs, if any.
  
- III. Dr. Coleman
  - GradeLink- in 2018-2019 we may be transitioning to a new program; it will triple our costs, but the grading programs and communication between home and school will be improved. For now, we will continue to use Gradelink; Teacher Web is removed completely.
    - P/T conferences were held on 10/14; please continue to communicate with your child's teachers if there are any questions or concerns.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Surveys- The survey was overwhelmingly positive! Comments made by the students were: "more advanced than public school", "teachers help me understand", "I wouldn't change anything", "more science classes wanted", "have fun"!
  
- IV. HSA Treasurer Report – Kalisha Bennett
  - \$38,333.20 is the beginning budget. \$18,675 income came in from family Fun Night. \$49,281 is current HSA budget. August uniform sale brought in \$3040.
  - HSA will continue to help with technology maintenance.
  
- V. Volunteer Updates– Macie Ingram
  - Volunteer hours can be logged in in two different ways: online and the book that is located in the front office.
  - Virtus questions- direct them to Raquel Wood  
[rwood@sthelencatholicsschool.org](mailto:rwood@sthelencatholicsschool.org)

- Construction workers are either Virtus trained, along with other safety protocols they have to follow, are meet the Cardinal's contractual approval for outside vendors.

VI. Committee Reports

S.W.A.G. – Lost \$500 blanket grant for the service projects in December. We are working on applying for new grants to support this project.

Braden Dinner Dance- Mardi Gras theme this year! Encourage new parents to participate, help w/ auction donations, help w/ casino and desserts, etc...

Cookie Sales – Scheduled for January, more information to come...

Room Parent- Remind parents to submit their \$30 class room fees.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation – Thanksgiving basket donations needed and help needed with gift of time in Dec.

Spirit Night and Label Collections- Please continue to support our spirit nights and send in your box tops!

Catechist of the Good Shepherd- Pk3-1<sup>st</sup> will participate. This is a Montessori-based approach for forming Catholic & Religious formation to help foster a deep faith within the children. A committee will be formed to help with maintenance and upkeep of program resources. The goal for the program is to help children be more reverent, knowledgeable, and better comprehend the stories from the Bible. Staff (grades PK3-1<sup>st</sup>) will be trained to teach this in their Religion classes and it may take a few years for training.

- VII. School Nurse Update- Smart thermometer information was sent home via email and Facebook. Email the school nurse for more information at [nurse@sthelencatholicsschool.org](mailto:nurse@sthelencatholicsschool.org).

VIII. Dates to Remember:

Friday, October 14 – Early Dismissal, Parent/Teacher Conference, Kendra Scott Trunk Show, 2-4 pm

Friday, October 21 – Golf Tournament

October 24 – October 28 – Red Ribbon Week

**Next HSA Meeting is Wednesday, February 1, 2017 8:15 am  
Don't forget your child's Casual Dress Pass to be used tomorrow!**