

St. Odilia Parent Action Association (PAA)

Meeting Minutes for October 6th, 2009

1.) Welcome, Prayer, Introductions

- PAA co-chairs, Ann Heller and Jacki Wings welcomed and thanked all attendees.

2.) School Report-provided by Mr. Fink

- Mr. Grose and Mr. Fink would like to thank the 2009 Marathon Committee for their fantastic job organizing the events leading up to marathon and marathon day.
- Please take the time to respond to a parent survey developed by the St. Odilia Marketing Committee. Teachers will email parents a link to an electronic version of the survey. Hard copies can be downloaded from the St. Odilia website or picked up in the school office. Please submit the survey no later than Friday, November 6th.
- The 2009-2010 St. Odilia School Directory will be sent home within the next weeks.
- The 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 8th graders are currently taking the Stanford Achievement Test and the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test.
- Teachers will be attending curriculum meetings and workshops on October 15th.
- All middle school classes will be attending the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, October 7th. The 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will attend on November 4th. There will be St. Odilia priests along with visiting priests to hear confessions.
- A committee has been meeting to create guidelines for the school in regards to dealing with students' allergies. There will be more information to come.

3.) Treasurer's Report-provided by Deb Jezierski

- See attached Cash Summary
- Please note a \$5000 donation that was used to purchase two Smart boards. Other expenses included the student handbook, staff appreciation, and the 2nd grade class funds of \$5 per student.

4.) School Council Repot-provided by Mr. Henrich

- The School Council met on September 15th, 2009. All meeting minutes are posted on the St. Odilia School website.
- The school nurse discussed concerns, prevention, and symptoms of the H1N1 virus.
- The 50th St. Odilia All School Reunion will be April 30, 2011. All former students, teachers, and supporters are invited to attend. A link to the invitation can be found on the St. Odilia school website.

5.) Co-Chair report-provided by Ann Heller and Jacki Wings

- Thank you to all those that helped with successful Parent Nights.

- There is a need for a volunteer to work with Mr. Scroggins to represent the school in the St. Odilia 50th Anniversary celebration. Please contact Ann Heller, Jacki Wings, or Kevin Scroggins at scroggins@stodilia.org for more details.
- Anti-bacterial hand soaps and sanitizers have been provided to all classrooms and at the lunchroom entrance as a preventative measure against the H1N1 flu and all other virus. Please encourage your students to wash hands frequently, to use hand sanitizers, and to cover their cough.
- Prospective Parent Tours will begin October 20th. Prospective parents will be led on a school tour by a parent tour guide and then meet with Mr. Grose. Thank you to Sue Peake for her continued dedication and time helping create and run the Parent Ambassador program.
- There was a discussion regarding the ease of use and content of the school website. Concerns were made regarding whether it is being updated on a regular basis, and if it is being used as an effective communication tool for parents.
- Parent volunteers are needed for library bulletin board decorating. Please contact Mrs. Conway, our new librarian.

6.) Committee Reports

- **Marathon**-provided by Molly Wurst
\$10,670.35 was brought in during coin collection, a 30% increase from last year! Marathon day was a success, 83% of the student body attended! There is an abundance of prizes to be awarded to top earners and participants. Thanks to all of the families that generously donated prizes. Friday, October 23rd, will be a fun-fill Awards Day with Sumo Wrestling by energetic staff members and an ice cream social for all students. Details to come. Thanks to all volunteers and participants that helped make Marathon 2009 a success.
- **Conference Meals**-provided by Mary Adams
The Conference Meal Committee has met to start planning for the fall conferences. Thank you to Karen Rafter for joining the conference meal team.
- **Art Adventure**-provided by Angela Thelen
The fall Art Adventure program, Sources of Strength, is underway. The students are enjoying the art reproductions and projects; you may see your child's straw sculpture! Thank you to our two new Picture Presenters, Maria Stinnett and Suzanne Yerg. We also have many classroom volunteers-thank you.
Please contact Angela Thelen for volunteering.
- **School Store**-provided by Pam Sherrill

The school store opened Friday, October 2nd. It is open Wednesdays and Fridays before school from 8:45-9:30am. The 2008/2009 school store was able to donate \$500 from profits to PAA.

- **Book Fair**-provided by Lisa Handrick
MN illustrator, David Geister, will visit St. Odilia for one day in early October. He will be presenting to some of the elementary grades. He will also be at the St Odilia Barnes and Noble event on Friday, December 4th. At that time, he will give a short presentation and book signing.
The Scholastic Book Fair, “Destination Book Fair – Read around the World” will be held October 26th-November 2nd. If anyone would like to volunteer for Book Fair set-up on Sunday, October 25th from 6-8pm and/or Book Fair take –down on Monday, November 2nd from 2-4pm please email Lisa Handrick at LHandrick7@hotmail.com.
- **Soccer Concessions**-provided by Theresa Plasencia
Thank you to all concession stand volunteers, there are only a few openings left in the schedule. Currently concession stand food and drinks are purchased at Sam’s Club. If anyone has a contact for free or discounted food/drinks to increase concession stand profits please contact Theresa Plasencia.

The next PAA meeting will be Tuesday, November 10th, 2009 at 7pm in room 2308. Free childcare is available in the nursery. All parents are welcome. Please consider attending and getting involved. Future meetings will take place January 12th, February 9th, March 9th, April 13th, and May 11th.

PAA NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!!

There is always a need for volunteers!

Please contact Ann Heller or Jacki Wingses if you can volunteer your time.

Meeting Attendees: Mr. Fink, Mr. Henrich, Ann Heller, Jacki Wings, Michelle Corcoran, Deb Jezierski, Molly Wurst, Cori Duffy, Nicole Blaska, Celine Donohue, Sandy Halseth, Julia Erickson

Submitted by Celine Donohue, PAA secretary
Distributed October 14th, 2009