

St. Odilia Parent Action Association (PAA)

Meeting Minutes for April 13th, 2010

1.) Welcome, Prayer, Introductions

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

2.) School Report-provided by Dave Fink

- All sections are filled for the 2010-2011 school year of the St. Odilia Wee Saints Preschool.
- The all day kindergarten class enrollment for 2010-2011 is full. Anyone still interested will be added to the wait list. The half day kindergarten class still has openings.
- The Wordman, Jack Kreitzer, worked with 3rd, 4th, 6th and 8th grades the week of April 5th. Thank you to PAA for financially supporting this program.
- The St. Odilia Steering Committee continues to implement the Strategic Improvement Plan that was developed during the accreditation process. They continue to review curriculum and school improvements.
- April 14th-16th, the 7th grade will spend three days and two nights on a field trip to Long Lake Conservation Center. Eighth graders will host a Health Fair on April 15th. Sixth grade will visit the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Science Museum on April 15th.
- Third quarter report cards will be sent home on Friday, April 15th.
- The Allergy Committee will be meeting with the school council.
- Due to district bus schedules the school day for 2010-2011 will begin at 9:25am instead of 9:30am.

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

- See the attached cash summary report.

4.) School Council Report-provided by Chris Henrich and Claudia Munson

- The school council met on March 23, 2010. Meeting minutes can be found on the school website.
- The St. Odilia Wee Saints Preschool will be licensed.
- Miss Ashley, currently working with the Y-Care Preschool, has been hired for the Wee Saints Preschool. Damian, currently working with the Y-Care before and after school program, has been hired for the St.Odilia before and after school program.
- The Parent Ambassador program will be coordinated by Shella Bonfe for the 2010-2011 school year. The emphasis will continue to be tours given by parents with a visit to Mr. Grose.
- School council members are in the process of discernment to determine openings for the 2010-2011 council.
- Although tuition intake is down, special gift donations have increased.

5.) PAA Co-Chairs Report-provided by Ann Heller and Jacki Wingses

- The Minnesota School Boards Association has introduced legislation that would reduce state aid to non-public school students who receive special education services. The bill numbers are HF2867/SF2739 and this is moving through the Education Finance Committee where the Chair of that committee, Mindy Greiling, is pushing for these changes. We encourage all parents to contact the Governor's office and your legislative representatives to express opposition to this bill.
- Thank you to all parents and staff for their feedback on the Website Committee's survey. A wealth of information regarding the needs of parents and staff was received. The committee has put an immense amount of time gathering and researching options for updating our website with these needs in mind. The committee will present their findings within the next few weeks to Mr. Grose and select staff. The goal is to have a new website in place for the start of the 2010-2011 school year. Thank you to the members of the website committee; Steve Anderson, Katie Bruggeman, Julia Erickson, and Jacki Schrab.
- Thank you to the graduating eighth grade class for their farewell gift of a new front door security desk. The desk will be in place within the next few weeks. Thank you to Mr. Stangler for shopping for the desk.
- Thank you to Jen Ebensteiner for planting pansies in the flower pots outside the church and school doors.

6.) Committee Reports

Book Fair-provided by Mary Jo O'Dea

- Thanks to the hard work of our wonderful volunteers, and the generous support of the entire St. Odilia community, the Spring Book Fair raised \$4,200.00 for the library, put \$875.00 worth of new books on the library shelves, and placed hundreds of books in the hands of the children of St. Odilia. We also hosted over 400 special guests at our Lunch with a Loved One! We would like to thank all of the great volunteers, teachers, staff, students, parents, and the entire St. Odilia Community for their generous support. We welcome new volunteers, and hope to see you in the fall!

Hospitality-provided by Cori Duffy

- Thank you to the bakers that provided the refreshments for the book fair's Lunch with a Loved One. Left over cookies and bars were packaged and sold at the church bake sale.

PR Coordinator-provided by Nicole Blaska

- The 8th grade St. Odilia girls basketball team was pictured and highlighted in the Shoreview Press.

Staff Appreciation-provided by Ann Heller and Jacki Wings

- April Staff Appreciation will be on Tuesday, April 20th.

The next PAA meeting will be Tuesday, May 11th, 2010 at 7pm in room 2308. This will be the final PAA meeting for the 2009-2010 school year. Free childcare is provided in the nursery. All parents are welcome. Please consider attending and getting involved.

The 2010-2011 PAA meetings will take place on September 14th, October 12th, November 9th, February 8th, March 8th, April 12th, and May 10th.

Meeting Attendees: Dave Fink, Ann Heller, Jacki Wings, Deb Jezierski, Claudia Munson, Chris Henrich, Cori Duffy, Lisa Handrick, Jen Eibensteiner, Nicole Blaska, Celine Donohue,

Submitted by Celine Donohue, PAA Secretary
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