



Most Holy Rosary School

Celebrating 101 Years of Faith, Academics, & Service

October 9, 2018
Most Holy Rosary
Parent Teacher Council (PTC) – Officer Meeting

Present: Jennifer Petosa (Principal), Katie Zubrzycki (President), Bethany Rivera (Treasurer), Jen Morgan (Communications Secretary), Brad O'Connor (Co-Vice President), Patty McMahon (Recording Secretary), Stacie Romano, Stacey Wilbur, Dan Smith, Rhea Parks, Monica Gaspo, Kara Azria, Mary D'Agastino, Sara George (teacher)

Meeting of the PTC Officers was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Review of Mission Statement

The Mission Statement was read aloud, as follows: *At Most Holy Rosary School, Jesus is our model; students are our focus. We promote academic excellence through meaningful learning experiences in a nurturing environment. Inspired by tradition, we develop strong Christian character for all who embrace our philosophy. Through partnerships with parents and the community, we prepare our students for lifelong success.*

Mrs. Petosa requested that those in attendance review the Mission Statement and consider if we want to update it this year. PTC can return to this issue at a later meeting.

Open Forum

Amazon Smile: Monica Gaspo will help Mrs. Petosa setup an Amazon Smile account for MHR.

Box Tops: There is an app that can easily track Box Tops that may reduce the amount of work for the Alumni that organizes this program for MHR.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Conferences will be held on Friday, November 9. Teachers are willing to work with families to find a time that works well and to coordinate for families with multiple children.

Principal Report

Title I Parent Involvement Plan and Parent Compact: This is a requirement to receive approximately \$21,000 to support the AIS consultants. The one-page document entitled "School-Parent Compact" is similar to past years and outlines what the school and parents agree to in order to provide successful education of MHR students. The document will be emailed to parents soon and can also be found on the MHR website.

Emergency Plan: This was introduced at curriculum night. The three-page document was distributed at tonight's meeting and is available upon request. Mrs. Petosa will use Remind for immediate notification of crisis as she can do this easily from her phone. She will request that parents use a "phone tree" to let other parents know what has happened during a crisis.

Social Media: In past years, MHR has hosted an internet safety night for parents so that parents are informed of the technology used by their children. A list of current social media sites was distributed but it recognizes that children/teens are often ahead of adults when it comes to new technology. It was suggested that we consider someone from SU rather than the police officer for this year's presentation. Ms. George stated that her graduate school program has students go out to do just these types of presentations; she will follow up to find out if there are any student available and work with Mrs. Petosa to coordinate.

Box Tops: MHR is still participating. Please spread the word and remember to return them to school.

Class of 1968 Scholarship: The MHR Class of 1968 raised nearly \$10,000 this weekend; the funds will go towards student scholarships. Mrs. Petosa will have the students help write thank you notes.

Enrollment: There has only been an overall decrease of 2 students from last year's student census. MHR is still getting admissions phone calls for this school year and Mrs. Petosa is conducting tours for new students. There are 6 children on the waitlist for PreK-4.

Taste of Strathmore: All hands on deck as no one pays full tuition at MHR; everyone needs to help.

Christmas Concert: The date has been changed to December 18, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Commission Report

The purpose of the Commission was discussed. It is significant to note that in its current form, there is much overlap between PTC and the Commission with the same individuals actively involved. The Executive Committee voted to remove the Commission Report from PTC agenda at their August meeting. The Commission may be revived in a new form if a new purpose is established in the future.

MOTION: Kara Azria moved to remove the Commission Report from the PTC agenda for the upcoming school year, seconded by Bethany Rivera; the motion carried unanimously.

The Officers will review the Bylaws to remove language of the Commission and propose revisions for Council approval. The Commission Report will be removed from future PTC agendas.

Treasurer's Report

Bethany Rivera stated that a budget was drafted in August by the Executive Committee and submitted to Fr. Fred for review and approval. The budget includes money for activities for the upcoming school year such as Grandparent's Day, field trips, playground equipment, CPR training for staff, lunch for staff on Conference Day, etc. We are waiting for Fr. Fred to release the funds for use.

Communications Report

Jen Morgan reached out to all the new families prior to school starting and then again a few weeks later. She felt that this was helpful as many had questions for her. She will check in periodically throughout the school year. Mums were purchased for new families and were distributed at Popsicles in the Playground; this was a nice welcome.

Teachers Report

Ms. George only reported that teachers need Expo Dry Erase Spray. Parents responded that if teachers let them know then parents are willing to pick up these items for them.

Old Business

Welcome Back Coffee: The event was held on Monday, September 10, 2018. It was setup in the back of the building. Despite the rain, there were many families that stopped by to chat.

Grandparents Lunch: The event was held Thursday, October 4, 2018. It was a successful event with 303 people in attendance. It was very well coordinated but more servers are needed for next year.

New Business

Feed the Teachers: The 6th grade class is responsible for feeding the teachers in October. The 6th grade families can determine the day; it was recommended that it be earlier in the week so that the teachers can eat the food for multiple days as there is usually too much food. Courtney Zaryski, Room Parent Coordinator, will help to coordinate.

Parent Night Out: The event will be held on Friday, October 19, 2018 from 7-9pm at Swallow's on South Ave. Pizza and wings will be provided. This is an opportunity for parents to mingle with other parents.

Tailgate: The event will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018 for the 2:30pm SU game. We will setup tents in the back parking lot. PTC will provide hotdogs and families will be asked to bring a dish to pass and their own beverages. In case of rain (or snow), we will use the cafeteria. Volunteers are needed to coordinate the event. Stacie Romano agreed to help. Jen Morgan will make a flyer for the event. Mrs. Petosa will have a Blue and Orange day on Friday, November 16 for the children.

Taste of Strathmore: Everyone was asked to solicit donations for the raffles. Please let the Committee know if you are able to help in any way to make the event a success.

MHR Facebook Page: This is an informal way for MHR parents to communicate. Please join if you haven't already.

Feed the Teachers: PTC will feed the teachers on Friday, November 9, 2018 on the Parent-Teacher Conference Day as many teachers will be at MHR most of the day. Patty McMahon will pick up Panera and bring it to school around noon that day.

Bunco Tournament: The Senior Club hosts the event which is scheduled for October 20, 2018 starting at 1:30 pm in the cafeteria. All money is donated to MHR.

Virtus Training: Please make sure that you have the certification if you are volunteering at MHR.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty McMahon