

PTO BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

Present: Sr. Maria Benedicta, Erin Gould, Tami Jurewicz, Beth McIlvena, Katie Rigg, Amy Vyverberg,

Sr. Maria Benedicta's Update

- Great results from ILEARN (grades 3-8) from April last school year. This test replaces ISTEP and is an adaptive test.
 - OLMC ranked 3rd in ELA in all of Indiana.
 - We had more students that scored above proficient than just proficient.
 - As a state scores went down
 - Discussion about celebrating this as a school
- Working on MAP testing K-8; this is an adaptive assessment, which will show growth over time.
- 9/18 Diocesan teacher day (professional development) will start with Mass and then different sessions for the teachers.
 - Cathedral tour with history and meaning of the artwork
 - Talks on basic prayer etc.
- 9/27 Will be a late start day for students; This will be used as a time for the Parish Staff and the School Staff to meet for mass and then brunch. They will talk about the mission of their combined efforts
- School council meeting next monday.
 - Bridge School council and student council
 - Mike Burgland to attend student council meetings
 - Anti-bullying campaign "See something say something"

Tim's Update (Per Sister Benedicta)

- Next Wednesday there will be a survey sent to the parents regarding the lunch program
 - Currently selling 135 lunches on average per 635 kids
 - Need 35% participation, currently only about 20% participation
 - Option of ordering a month in advance may have to occur to help with cost
 - Improvement in quality and staff
 - New IT director- Troy Sipes has joined the staff
 - Promote Sapphire and Gold Gala - will be at The Willows on November 8th. Fundraising efforts will be for new curtains for the gymnasium.
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Treasurer Report:

- Need to increase budget for newcomers
 - PTO would like to raise money for repair of the School Atrium kusing Scrip money
 - Other wishlist items include water bottle filters for all of the drinking fountains
 - Voted to look to the future to raise funds for the atrium and for the church to approve this effort - unanimous
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Old Business/Updates

- 8th grade carwash went well, no numbers yet
 - OLMC Birthday Cake celebration was fun, lots of kids enjoyed cake; PTO members past and present served during lunch.
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New Business/Upcoming Events

- Maintenance and Custodial staff week October 2nd-4th will celebrate them W/Th/F with different goodies.
- Book Fair - Will be held 9/26 during school and Open HOuse night
- Food Truck Festival - October 3rd, PTO will have a booth with games and bounce house. Sister to pass out Tee-shirts to promote school.
- Playground committee - will buy some new equipment and Katie Rigg will monitor for damaged equipment and replace as necessary
- Possible fundraisers for the future - Birdies - new putt putt place in WEstfield, and Evereve - Jamie Flannigan/Sarah Ford to possibly host a ladies night with proceeds going to the school.

NEXT MEETING Friday, October 11th @ 9AM

