**Our Lady of Grace Catholic School**

**Parent School Organization (PSO)**

**Meeting Minutes of Thursday, Feb 14, 2023**

**9:30 AM – Library**

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| **Attendees:**Liz ReevesAmanda FritzNatalie DavidsonStevie Sislo Mike McGintyJim Dahlman | Beth HornShelly WindomJess GessnerGrant AndersonMegan DolejsiGreta Santori | Shannon AndersonAndrea SchwarzAbigale PiprudeJamie PolhKatie Tucci |  |
| **Prayer****Minutes Approved** | * Led by Liz Reeves
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| **Leadership Report** | Head of School Update* + - CSW was exciting week to observe – different at every school
		- Pancake breakfast was special to kick it off in the new cafeteria
		- Cafeteria going smoothly
		- Utilize fully by spring break
		- This time of year as a school is rough – sickness and weather and can’t get kids outside
		- Morale is high – families feel good about being here
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| Treasurer’s ReportAmanda Fritz | * No income in January
* Some spending for SSS for next year
* CSW lunch expense
* Fees from parent registration fee goes toward paper
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| **Recent Events** |
| Staff CSW Lunch | * Served Lennn Chin
* Very well received
* Emails from teachers complimenting the lunch
* Able to serve same food for both lunches
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| Preschool Room Parent Launch | * All rooms have 2 parents
* Almost all have existing OLG room parents
* Working with teachers and PSO to formalize
* Just rolled out and next year will be the same at K-8
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| Moms Night Out | * All have been well attended
* Hilltop has been great
* Great feedback to get together
* Nice to gather after Covid
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| **Upcoming Events** |  |
| Barnes and Noble Book Fair | * 2/26
* Information in the weekender
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| Read-A-Thon | * 2/27 – 3/10
* Runs for 10 days
* Everything will be online
* Giving teachers detailed packets to go home on 2/23
* Goal of $50K
* Supporting OLG literacy initiatives and Groves program
* Sister school in Ghana and JPII
* VEAP person to coordinate donated books?
* Work with Moms of Grace to coordinate
* Selected artwork winners
* Amiee Bissonette is the author this year – lawyer turned author
* Kick off Monday 2/27 – 2 sessions K-2 and 3-5
* Involving Preschool and middle school to track their minutes
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| School Supply List Collection | * Using School Toolbox again
* Coordinate with principals and teachers
* Wait until its posted in the Weekender to order
* We do get about $2500 in rebates back to the school
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| Used Uniform Sale | * 3/10 – conference day
* It will be outside the office in the new building
* Biggest change is the sale in August will be at the beginning of the month and not right before school starts
* Have time to order to from Educational Outfitters if you can’t find the sizes you need
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| Scholastic Book Fair | * We brought it back last year
* March 27- April 2 is tentative date
* Have accreditation that week so may need to move it
* We do audit the books
* All students will get a free book
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| Family Mass and Breakfast | * 4/11- Father/Daughter
* 4/12 – Mother/Son
* We will be looking for new co-chairs for next year
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| Carnival | * 4/28
* Had a big kick off meeting last week with co-chairs
* Marching forward
* Theme to be announced soon!
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| Teacher Appreciation Week | * 5/1-5
* Teacher appreciation did flowers last year
* Mostly handled by room parents
* Sending out favorite questionnaire
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| Grade Level Masses | * 4th Grade was Feb 11 – 5pm mass
* 3rd Grade is 2/25
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| **Ongoing/Discussion Topics / Open Floor** |
| New PSO Position | * Liaison with JPII and educate our students more on how we work with them
* Approved by Administration
* Position to be announced soon
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| PSO Engagement and Relationship Building | * No update
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| Preschool Integration | * Room parents now established so this will help
* Will have a chair for the carnival to incorporate the younger kids
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| Preschool Room Parents | * Have at least 2 for all classes
* Almost all have current OLG families
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| Art Adventures | * No update
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| Room Parents | * Working on questionnaire for teachers to help with Teacher Appreciation week
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| Library | * No update
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| Resource Room | * No update
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| Social Shopping Events | * No update
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| MSSC | * Organizing the trophy cases
* Will start cleaning and putting them back
* Resurrection egg kits for 1st graders
* Sunday School donuts
* Packing snack boxes
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| New Families | * No update
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| Uniforms | * Working on new options but won’t be ready for next year
* Will still include a blazer
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| Marketing | * No update
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**Next Meeting Date: Mar 14, 2023 at 9:30am, Library**