**Our Lady of Grace Catholic School**

**Parent School Organization (PSO)**

**Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 11, 2022**

**9:30 AM – Cassidy Hall**

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| **Attendees:** | Liz ReevesJackie WalterAmanda FritzStevie SisloMike McGintyTaylor MahoneyErica Hamilton | Emily SeftonRenee RasmussenEllie ZavoralMarie Maslowski |  |
| **Prayer****Minutes Approved** | * Led by Liz Reeves
* Erica Hamilton moved to approve, Taylor Mahoney seconded
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| **Leadership Report****Mike McGinty****Jim Dahlman** | Head of School Update* + - Thank you for all that PSO does, especially Marathon and Grandparents Day – positive feedback on both
		- Settling into academic components of school, just finished MAP testing
		- Need for additional hires in preschool, especially teachers
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| Treasurer’s ReportAmanda Fritz | * On budget and nothing out of ordinary on expenses.
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| **Recent Events** |
| Dedication Weekend | * Successful event
* Sold a few Bernies
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| Pep Fest/Marathon | * Financial results successful
* 90 minute Marathon celebration – well received
* Need to determine how to handle next year because of calendar
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| Pancake Breakfast | * Learning: limit ticket sales at the door and rely on historical data
* Consider difference
* Next year – if use this vendor again, bring two griddles
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| Grandparents Day | * 5th and 7th on 9/28 – 71% of students had VIP
* 1st and 3rd on 10/5 – 78% of students had VIP
* Glitch second week – no setup. Need to confirm process for future events to ensure Maintenance has necessary info
* Next year, consider asking Sisters to accompany students to classroom to support students without grandparents
* Angela Brown will join committee next year, Heather Hoyt will roll off
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| Parent Socials/Coffees | * Coffees have all happened except 8th grade (winter)
* All went well – next year, will have all in Sept post Labor Day
* Will transition preschool coffee to be part of PSO initiative
* All will be in Grace Hall and will combine some of the upper grades
* PNO – last one is tonight until Middle School in November
* Next year, do Pre, K and 1st in early Oct, leave rest for Nov to spread out school social events
* Moms Night Out in winter (Hilltop)
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| Secret Santa Shop Photo | * 10/8 and 10/9
* $7060 gross sales
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| **Upcoming Events** |  |
| Family Mass and Breakfast | * 10/17 Mother/Daughter
* 10/18 Father/Son
* Donuts and coffee after mass
* Men’s club has graciously agreed to pay for the donuts again
* SUG went out for RSVP’s and for parent and MSSC volunteers
* We could use a few more parent volunteers
* In the Weekender last week and this week
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| Veteran’s Day | * Time changed to 1:30pm
* Friday Nov 11
* Ordered decorated cookies for all 4 branches of the military
* MSSC to put out flags
* MSSC to make cards to give to the Veterans
* Grades 4-8 attend and any other students with a Veteran can attend
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| Thanksgiving Baskets | * Need second chair for this event – parent with middle schoolers could be helpful
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| **Looking Ahead** |
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| Sponsor-A-Family | * Consider how to provide opportunities for OLG families to contribute what they are comfortable with in cases where gift asks are large
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| Santa’s Secret Shop | * Bring to exec meeting next year to begin planning process
* Organized basement, compared current inventory with last year’s inventory
* Visited JP II – financial support for Newcomer program to help older students arriving with ESL
* Dec 14 check presentation date
* Will try to bring JP II administration to see shop this year
* If we open the sale to the parish / preschool this year, will likely need more shopping mid-week
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| Staff Christmas Gift | * Included in holiday gift collections
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| Holiday Boutique | * 12/11
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| Student Christmas Lunch | * 12/16
* Exploring other food options – pizza is not as exciting anymore
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| Staff Christmas Lunch | * 12/20
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| **Ongoing/Discussion Topics / Open Floor** |
| Preschool Integration | * Have been in touch with Mrs Rogers on preschool room parents
* Working on how to integrate Preschool into PSO activities
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| Art Adventures | * Kicked off last week with book and gift card distribution
* Reaching out to teachers to coordinate
* Will meet with principals to discuss possibility of preschool / middle school inclusion in future
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| Room Parents |  |
| Library | * Piloting new program to accommodate volunteers who primarily want to interact with kids and those who want to support library administrative needs (filing books, etc.)
* 20 volunteers trained to support administrative needs on specific day of week through end of calendar year
* Beth is always looking for curriculum ideas – share with Library chairs
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| Resource Room | * SUG went out this week
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| Social Shopping Events | * Evereve in Dec and April
* Bean & Ro in Nov and May
* Vineyard Vines in Dec and March / April
* SUG in order to give stores number of attendees
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| MSSC | * 70+ students enrolled
* Completed 7 events so far
* 9 more planned this fall
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| New Families | * Class point person was a good model for transfer students in non-K grades
* Need to better coordinate administrative integration of new families with systems (Educate, Weekender, PSO distribution lists, etc.)
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| Uniforms | * Uniform and NUD approved items should be available year round at Educational Outfitters
* Conversations happening around modifying middle school girls skirt in future years
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**Next Meeting Date: Nov 15, 2022 at 9:30am, Church Dining Room**