

PAT - Parent Advisory Team MINUTES

OCTOBER 19, 2011

Present: Isma Granger, Jenny Gillette, Maripaz Morales, Jim Randall, Sarah Griffin, Theresa Penalosa, Andrea Durr, Mary Ellen Paul, Donna Henry

*Mrs. Paul opened the meeting in prayer at 6:30p.m.

*Minutes reviewed from September meeting and accepted.

Principal Report Including Exciting Happenings and Upcoming Events at PCRS:

- Faculty received in-service training on Roman Missal changes by Marisa Beebe, formation director of the Cluster parishes. Fr. David Cupps and the Cluster parishes have purchased "What's New About the Mass" books and reference cards for teachers and students in preparation for the upcoming revised Roman Missal 3. A DVD was also purchased for PCRS by our Cluster parishes to further enhance our faculty's understanding of the Revised Roman Missal.
- Fr. Kevin wishes to teach the 8th grade once a month.
- Parishes have advertised our Fall Classic Crabtree BBQ and permitted the sales of tickets at last weekend's Masses. The event will be on Saturday, October 22. The basketball game will be at 3:30 P.M. followed by the BBQ. Faculty will bring desserts. Parents are asked to bake goods as well for dessert. They may earn service hours.
- Fr. Kevin O'Brien will celebrate noon Mass for All Saints Day at PCRS as the St. Therese Mass for All Saints Day on November 1. Parishioners will be encouraged to attend. Fr. Jarek will celebrate the All Soul's Day Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- Our First Annual Oink and Oyster Roast sponsored by our PCRS SAB (School Advisory Board) will be held on November 18 on the St. Therese Church grounds from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00.
- SAC induction was conducted at the last Mass. SAC sponsored the first tag day to benefit breast cancer. The money will go to the Bon Secours breast cancer unit at Maryview Hospital.
- SAC will sponsor a Halloween Tag Day. Students may wear black, orange and purple. Students should bring cans of food for Oasis. There will be a Monster Mash in the gym for all students at recess.
- The Drama Club will be presenting the Wizard of Oz. There are many students displaying thespian talents! Third grade is performing a special role as the "Munchkins". The play will be on March 9 and 10.
- Basketball teams are formed. Children from the parishes are also participating on our teams.
- On October 28, there is no school. Teachers will participate in Diocesan Tidewater Teachers Conference.
- Parent and Teacher Conferences are held on November 7 and 8. Students in grades 4-8 are requested to attend to celebrate accomplishments and plan for their continued success.
- Discovering Catholic School Week is throughout the week of November 13-18. Open House will be in every classroom during that special week from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- On December 10, PCRS will sponsor a Handmade Holiday Craft Show. The show will be juried. Applications will be reviewed and participants determined by Jean Piedmont. Volunteer opportunities are available.
- Mrs. Paul's encouraged members to share questions and observations. Parent suggestions included:
 - Better visibility of groups that have specific roles in the school. Who are the members and what do they do in terms of the School Advisory Board (SAB), the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), the Parent Advisory Team (PAT) and Enrollment Management Team (EMT).
 - Request to post minutes on the website.
 - Required volunteer hours must be fulfilled. Record of completion is handled by the office. Families may donate their hours to other families in need.
 - Marketing strategy to include informing public of what it costs to educate at child at PCRS and what is paid. Celebrate excellence including mention of Terra Nova performance.

- Perhaps PAT would consider managing a spirit store with bumper stickers, magnets.
- Updating of website needed. Include information about Drama and Girl Scouts as well as music lessons offered by the Music Staff. Offering Zumba for adults is another possibility. Isma Granger and Andrea Durr volunteered to assist with updating the website.
- Conferences with teachers may be scheduled any time during the year. However, the first quarter conference is mandatory. Frequent communication with teachers is encouraged.
- Facebook use is discussed in detail in the handbook. Diocesan Media Release information should be reviewed for wording.
- Concern policies and procedures may be difficult for new parents. However, a new family evening for reviewing school life and answering questions was well attended this summer and very beneficial to those new families in attendance.
- Mrs. Durr is asking that a reminder go out regarding the parking procedures. Safety is of great concern especially where parents are double-parking and letting children out between cars or in the street.
 - Mrs. Paul asked how we can generate funds by increasing use of Scrip Program. Suggestions included setting up a Scrip table at the Christmas Craft show. Determine a theme a month and highlight those Scrip cards such as November grocery and gas cards for holiday meals and travel. Efforts to get families thinking of Scrip as not an extra expense but money they will be spending anyway. Keep families posted of sales so they can get their Scrip cards to shop.
 - Next meeting is November 16 at 6:30 P.M.
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Minutes Recorded and Submitted by – *Donna Henry,* Assistant Principal

Mary Ellen Paul, Principal